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Zia delivering a speech recently. (Reuters wirephoto)

US sees no change in its Pakistan policy

WASHINGTON, Aug 17, (Reuters) The United States sees no change in its close relationship with Pakistan following the death of Pakistani President General Zia-ul-Haq, the State Department said today.

"We have a long history of close and friendly co-operation with Pakistan," spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said.

"At this moment of extreme trial, I want to reiterate our commitment to Pakistan and our fullest support for the acting President (Ghulam Ishaq Khan) and his government," she added.

"We mourn the loss of Ambassador Arnold Raphael. The

United States has lost one of its best diplomats," Oakley told reporters.

Oakley told reporters Washington was deeply upset by the death of Zia, a major US ally, who played a key role in funneling American aid to the Afghan guerrillas.

She said she did not expect Zia's death to have any effect on the withdrawal — which reached the halfway point two days ago — of 115,000 Soviet troops from the neighboring Afghanistan under UN-mediated accords signed last April.

Neither will it affect US aid for the Afghan rebels, she added.

US military attaché dies

Zia-ul-Haq killed as plane explodes and crashes

ISLAMABAD, Aug 17, (Agencies) A plane carrying Pakistan's President General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq exploded and crashed in flames in eastern Pakistan today, killing him, five top generals and the US ambassador.

The tragedy, in which 37 people died, threw the strategically-located nation into political turmoil and raised questions about the future of the Afghan resistance movement.

Police sources said the Army was placed on alert in Pakistan's port city of Karachi within hours of the crash.

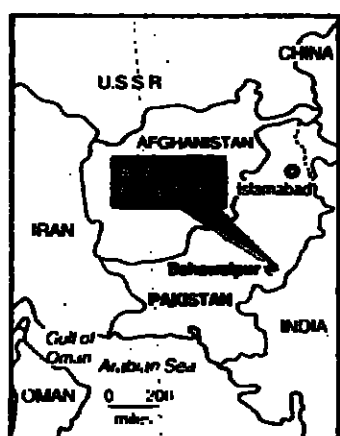
The cause of the disaster was not known and the US State Department declined comment on speculation that the military plane was hit by a rocket.

Pakistan has begun an investigation of the crash and the United States has offered to cooperate.

Confirmed

Pakistan Radio and US officials said the C-130 military transport plane exploded and crashed after takeoff from the city of Bahawalpur, 450 miles (720 km) south of the capital Islamabad and 60 miles (100 km) from the Indian border.

The radio said Zia, 64 and Arnold L. Raphael, 45 — who only last year was named Ambassador to Pakistan, a major US



ally in the region — were killed along with everyone else aboard.

US Vice-President George Bush said in New Orleans "a second American, name not confirmed, also was lost" in the crash.

The State Department said the senior US military attaché to Pakistan, Brig. Gen. Herbert M. Wassom, 49, of Tennessee was among the 37 people killed in the crash and that there were no survivors.

Pakistan military sources said there were border clashes in eastern Pakistan today between Pakistani and Indian troops but gave no further details. An Indian Defence Ministry spokesman said he had heard no reports of border clashes.

State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley confirmed the deaths of Zia and Raphael but said she had no information on the cause of the crash. She said the plane had taken the President and the ambassador to the remote site to view a demonstration of a US-built M-1 battle tank.

"The plane took off at 4.30 pm local time and crashed about 10 minutes later at a remote site," she said.

Pakistan Radio said Pakistani Senate Chairman Ghulam Ishaq Khan was appointed acting President and 10 days of mourning were declared.

The cabinet went into an emergency session after the crash.

The radio reported that the Pakistan's Joint Chief of Staff, Gen. Akhtar Abdur Rahman, also was among the dead.

Turmoil

Zia's death threw Pakistani politics into turmoil. He had ruled the Muslim country of 103 million people with a firm hand since taking power in a military coup 11 years ago.

Civilian politicians, led by the Benazir Bhutto, considered him a dictator and campaigned unsuccessfully to oust him. Her father, former President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was hanged in 1979 following a disputed conviction on a charge of conspiring to commit a political murder.

Zia, who was five days past his 64th birthday, ruled for the first eight-and-a-half years through martial law.

In December 1985 he handed power to a civilian government after controversial elections which political parties were barred from contesting.

Benazir's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and the other main opposition parties denounced it

Ghulam Ishaq Khan appointed acting President

Border clashes between Pakistani and Indian troops

as a democratic facade to conceal Zia's continuing control.

This view won some apparent support last May when he took back day-to-day control, dismissing the civilian government led by Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo and dissolving the Lower House of Parliament.

Zia further angered the opposition when he called new elections for Nov 16, but barred political parties from contesting them.

On Ishaq Khan's appointment, Benazir said from her Karachi home that she was satisfied that constitutional procedures were being followed.

Smooth

"Whatever should have been done has been done. We are sure the changeover will be as smooth as possible," she said. "Life and death is in the hand of God. We will not say anything."

Zia was born into a middle-class Muslim family in Jullundur, British India, on Aug 12, 1924. His father, Akbar Ali, was a clerical officer in the British colonial Indian Army.

During World War II, Zia was commissioned into the Indian Army in 1945 and fought in Burma, Malaya and Java.

When the sub-continent was granted independence from Britain and became partitioned

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General Zia (right) offers prayers at Independence Day celebrations. On his right is Ghulam Ishaq Khan, Chairman of the Senate, who took over as acting head of state. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Iraq, Iran spent \$200b on war

STOCKHOLM, Aug 17, (AP) Iran and Iraq have spent up to \$200 billion in their eight-year-old war, about half the money that both ever earned from oil, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute estimated today.

The Gulf war, which killed or wounded more than one million people, "has become the most destructive conflict ever fought between two Third World countries," SIPRI said.

In its 1988 yearbook, SIPRI said \$35 billion in arms were traded worldwide last year, calculated in 1985 prices. About 70 per cent, or \$24.7 billion, went to Third World countries.

India was the world's largest weapons importer, buying \$5.2 billion worth, the report said. Five countries supplied 80 per cent of the market: the United States, Soviet Union, France, Britain and China, it said.

Control

SIPRI, an independent group funded mostly by the Swedish Parliament, monitors worldwide arms control and sales with a staff of 20 researchers from 10 countries.

The Gulf war spending estimate excluded arms imported by both sides, which added about \$27 billion to the total war costs, SIPRI said in an annex to the yearbook.

Spending estimates for arms were adjusted for inflation under a complicated formula, and

could not be added to the total war cost, which was calculated in current prices.

Although a UN-sponsored ceasefire is scheduled to start Aug 20, "large quantities of major weapons will continue to flow into the region for years to come. Neither Iran nor Iraq have declared any intent to slow their force modernization," it said.

Budget

The report said Iraq spent \$11.1 billion to \$13.2 billion annually on the war, nearly 30 per cent of its gross national product. It said Iran spent an estimated \$8.8 billion to \$10.7 billion annually, roughly five or six per cent of its GNP.

The figures included military budgets, destruction of assets, diversion of manpower, lost revenues and other factors.

Estimates for total spending on the war ranged from \$168.5 billion to \$203.6 billion, compared with the \$400 billion in oil revenues since Iran began production in 1919 and Iraq began in 1931, it said.

The shifting nature of the arms trade has meant a loss of leverage on their clients that the arms trade once gave the United States and the Soviet Union. Profit was overtaking politics as the motive for selling weapons, said the report.

Buyers "are increasingly able to insulate themselves from the supplier's influence," it said.

Iraq will take tough line in Geneva talks

BAGHDAD, Aug 17, (Reuters) Iraq today expressed determination to win lasting peace during talks with Iran next week and said all issues would be on the table.

"No room should be given to the Khomeini government to manoeuvre... this peace that everyone is hoping to see into a truce," Nizar Hamdoun, Under-secretary at the Foreign Ministry, said in an interview with Reuters.

"Everything will be subject to negotiation between the two parties, including the agenda," Hamdoun said, referring to the

UN-sponsored peace talks in Geneva.

They are due to start five days after a formal ceasefire goes into force at 0300 GMT on Saturday, monitored by a 350-strong UN force.

Strength

The force commander, Yugoslav Major General Slavko Jovic, arrived in Baghdad today. Diplomats said they expected him to spend a day in the Iraqi capital before flying to Tehran.

Hamdoun said it was Iraqi strength, not UN diplomacy, that made Tehran accept Security Council Resolution 598

ordering a halt to the fighting.

"Statements by Iranian leaders until this week show that Iran was pushed into making peace. It was not a question of persuasion," said Hamdoun.

"The notion of a temporary peace or truce always arises as an Iranian intention to have breathing space to rearm and prepare for another round," he said.

"Force and only force can bring this Iranian government to its senses."

Suspicion of Tehran's motives prompted Baghdad to insist on direct talks with the Iranians to improve chances of achieving a

comprehensive settlement of the conflict, Hamdoun said.

"The United Nations is the umbrella, but it cannot make peace between two countries."

Iran and Iraq have both traded charges of aggression and bad faith in the run-up to the UN-mediated ceasefire. But there have been no serious incidents since the ceasefire date was announced on Aug 8.

"So far there is no peace. There is a sort of truce, a de facto truce, which both parties have respected in the past two weeks," said Hamdoun.

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UN to pay special tribute

World leaders shocked

LONDON, Aug 17, (Agencies) World leaders were shocked today by the news of the death of Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said he was "deeply shocked and distressed."

"I send my heartfelt condolences to Begum Zia-ul-Haq and to the family and to the government and people of Pakistan," Rajiv said in a statement. "I hope and trust that the people of Pakistan will face the crisis with fortitude and calm."

President Ramaswamy Venkatarman said in a message to acting Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan: "All of us in India share your sense of grief and sorrow at this most unfortunate happening."

Resolution

The Press Trust of India news agency said the federal cabinet would meet tomorrow to adopt a resolution of condolence.

Meanwhile, in Srinagar, the capital of the northern state of Kashmir, hundreds of people took to the streets shouting pro-Zia slogans.

Witnesses said the crowds shouted "Long live Zia" and forced shopkeepers to close shutters. Several parked vehicles were stoned, said the witnesses, contacted by telephone from New Delhi. They spoke on condition they were not named.

But he did not say how much Kuwait was willing to allocate for the 350-man team. The United Nations had set a \$74-million budget for the mission.

The officers, drawn from 24 countries, will monitor a UN-sponsored ceasefire that goes into effect at 0300 GMT on Saturday.

Because of its geographic

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was greatly shocked, a UN spokesman said today and the General Assembly planned a special tribute.

"The secretary-general learned with great shock the appalling news of the death of President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan and of the US ambassador and all the passengers on the President's plane," the spokesman told reporters.

He said the secretary-general would speak at a special ceremony planned for the start of a late afternoon's meeting of the General Assembly.

US leaders called Zia a staunch ally whose policies helped bring about the Soviet pullout from Afghanistan.

"Pakistan and the United States have a very special relationship, and the loss of General Zia is a great tragedy," Vice-President George Bush told reporters at the Republican Party convention.

Friend

Bush also said Zia had been a personal friend who was "extraordinarily hospitable" to him and his wife, Barbara.

US Secretary of State George Shultz called for a moment of silence at a Republican luncheon.

He said Zia "has been a great friend and a great fighter for freedom," as well as a "supporter

of the efforts that finally brought the departure of the Soviets out of Afghanistan."

Zia's death is "a great loss to the people of Pakistan," Shultz said. He noted there had been a "quick and orderly transition" of government and said: "We in the US have had a long, friendly, strong relationship with that country that will continue in that way."

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said: "We are greatly saddened by this tragedy and convey our deepest condolences to the government and people of Pakistan and the families of President Zia and all those who have died."

Raises

Earlier, Jean Kirkpatrick, the former US ambassador to the United Nations, said Zia's death raises doubts about his country's ability to support the anti-Soviet Afghan rebels.

Kirkpatrick, interviewed on television from the Republican Party convention, said she was "shocked" by the news of Zia's death.

"Zia was a very strong person," she said. He was "very important to the whole geopolitical strategic constellation of the region, very important to the freedom fighters of Afghanistan."

"Like a lot of strong men, I

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Kuwait to help finance Gulf truce observers

KUWAIT declared yesterday its willingness to help finance a United Nations team of observers that will deploy along the Iran-Iraq border this week to monitor a ceasefire in the nearly eight-year-old conflict.

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed told reporters that HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, made the declaration at the weekly cabinet session.

"Out of Kuwait's positive role in achieving the required peace between the two warring nations as well as restoring security and

stability to the region, Kuwait expresses its readiness to contribute to the cost of these forces, stressing that the world community should bear the responsibility in this respect," Al Rashed said.

But he did not say how much Kuwait was willing to allocate for the 350-man team. The United Nations had set a \$74-million budget for the mission.

The officers, drawn from 24 countries, will monitor a UN-sponsored ceasefire that goes into effect at 0300 GMT on Saturday.

Because of its geographic

proximity to the two warring neighbours, lying only some 50 miles (80 kilometres) south of Iran-Iraq border, Kuwait was hit hard by the spillovers of the war.

Rashed said the cabinet expressed hope that direct negotiations between Iran and Iraq scheduled to begin in Geneva on Aug 25 would lead to "positive results."

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed presented a report on the outcome of his visit to the Soviet Union where he headed a delegation of the Arab League seven-man committee on the Gulf war.

INTERNATIONAL

Thousands wounded during five days of rallies

3,000 killed in Rangoon protests

BANGKOK, Aug 17, (Reuters): At least 3,000 people were killed in Rangoon alone during five days of anti-government protests across Burma last week, diplomats said today.

The Rangoon-based diplomats contacted from Bangkok quoted hospital officials as saying "at least 3,000 people were killed in Rangoon" when troops fired on huge crowds of demonstrators seeking an end to the country's rigid one-party system.

Removed

One diplomat quoted an official at Rangoon General Hospital, the city's biggest, as saying thousands more were wounded.

The diplomats said troops moved into the city centre yesterday were moved out again suddenly today in what appeared to be a decision not to confront

expected new demonstrations. Students who led last week's protests have called for more demonstrations in advance of two days of government meetings starting tomorrow to choose a third leader in a month.

The diplomats said they expected widespread support for protests they believed would blossom after the new leader was announced on Friday.

"My feeling is that everybody has been mobilised in the country and they feel very strongly about their cause," said one.

Demands

The students have listed a series of demands on posters around Rangoon calling for a multi-party democracy to replace the iron rule of the Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP), economic liberalisation and the release of political prisoners.

"I think they will fight for these three things and not stop until they get them," one diplomat said.

The diplomats said 177 members of the All-Burma Bar Council, the country's leading lawyers association, had condemned the Army's actions against demonstrators as unlawful.

They said the council, in a letter to the government also sent to foreign embassies and United Nations organisations in Rangoon, blamed the Army for last week's violence and joined the call for a multi-party democracy.

One diplomat said he had been told the country's medical association had written a similar letter to the government, although he had not seen it.

"It seems the middle class is coming out into the open," he said.

Another diplomat said con-

versations with Burmese officials, indicated a growing sympathy for the demonstrators and a little more thought about the idea of a multi-party democracy.

Rangoon Radio, monitored in Rangoon today, reported the government had released 51 young people arrested in the demonstrations last week, and had eased passport restrictions for Burmese citizens.

Anti-government protests have been building since March against harsh economic and political conditions.

The protests forced Ne Win's resignation on July 23. He was replaced by Sein Lwin, widely hated for his role in suppressing the earlier protests, and his appointment touched off massive street demonstrations that turned grisly when troops responded with extreme force.

Israelis have beaten thousands: Amnesty

LONDON, Aug 17, (Agencies): Israeli troops have beaten several thousand Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip during the past eight months of demonstrations, and at least eight had died, Amnesty International said today.

In a 16-page report entitled "Israel and the Occupied Territories: Excessive Force," the London-based human rights group said the beatings had been used to punish and intimidate, despite official Israeli directives to the contrary.

The report said that since Dec 9, 1987, when the uprising against Israeli occupation of the territories began, "several thousand Palestinians throughout the West Bank and Gaza have been injured, many seriously, after being beaten by Israeli soldiers."

Disperse

"Force has been used to disperse demonstrators and to subdue those resisting arrest," the report said. "In many instances the use of force has been indiscriminate and excessive, intended to punish and intimidate."

Amnesty said some people had been taken from their homes and beaten after house-to-house searches of refugee camps and villages, following earlier clashes.

"Wounded Palestinians have been forcibly removed from hospitals, despite the protests of doctors, and beaten before being taken to detention centres."

"Doctors and medical staff, too, have been assaulted. Many Palestinians have sustained serious injuries. At least eight of the victims have died."

Workers demand revival of Solidarity

More Polish miners join strike

JASTRZEBIE, Poland, Aug 17, (AP): Workers at a second mine in southwestern Poland went on strike today, joining miners at a nearby colliery who demand legalisation of the banned Solidarity trade union.

Workers at the Morciniek mine refused to take up their tools early today and declared a sympathy occupation strike at the facility, said Andrzej Andrzejczak, the head of the mine's strike committee.

Talks

The mine is located about 20 kilometres south of the July Manifesto mine near Jastrzebie, where workers went on strike Tuesday to demand legalisation of the outlawed trade union, pay increases and re-instatement of miners fired for trade union activities.

"We support all of the demands of the July Manifesto mine workers," Andrzejczak said.

A strike committee representing about 4,000 miners began talks in southwestern Poland today after riot police surrounded the area and authorities threatened mass firings.

A spokesman for the 32-member strike committee said the first round of talks at the Manifesto Lipcowy coal mine started early in the morning and after a break, the second round was underway.

A Solidarity source said workers at the Morciniek facility in the same coal-mining basin went on strike today in support of the Manifesto Lipcowy protest. "About 400 miners on the first shift refused to work," the source said.

A government spokesman had no immediate comment.

Solidarity adviser Jacek Kuron said there were no reports of violence and police made no attempt to move into the mine, a hotbed of labour activism during the strike wave that spawned Solidarity.

He said the mine was cordoned off and public transportation to the facility was suspended. The mine is 450 kilometres from Warsaw and employs about 9,000 workers.

Illegal

The state-run PAP news agency, in a dispatch late Tuesday, said the strike was illegal and that the workers ignored an order from a local prosecutor to leave the mine.

"Strikers gathered (at the mine) stayed in the main yard and showed no response," PAP said. "The strike is clearly political in nature," it said, adding that wage demands were not high on the miners' agenda.

PAP said the miners were warned that "they may be held responsible for their illegal actions."

Legalisation of Solidarity is among the chief demands made by the miners, Solidarity spokeswoman Katarzyna Ketrzynska said.

17 die as Soviet train crashes

MOSCOW, Aug 17, (Reuters): Seventeen people were killed and 106 injured when a Moscow-bound express crashed and burst into flames, Soviet radio reported today.

A Soviet transport official, Boris Petrov, gave the preliminary casualty toll from yesterday's crash of the Aurora Express from Leningrad in a telephone interview.

"According to preliminary data as of 12 noon (0800 GMT) Aug 17, 17 people have died and 106 people have been hospitalised," Petrov said. Sixty-one people were treated for injuries at the scene, he said.

Petrov, chief of the Transport and Communication Department of the Kalinin regional

party committee, said there were about 800 people on the 15-coach train.

Tass news agency said fire "broke out in the dining car and instantly spread to neighbouring cars, engulfing nearly the entire train" after it jumped the rails at 6:34 p.m. yesterday.

There was no information immediately available on the identities or nationalities of the dead and injured. The US embassy said it had been informed that there were no Americans on board the train.

Other Western embassies had no immediate details. Tass said poor road conditions had prevented fire engines from reaching the blazing wreck after the crash between Berezaika and

Poplavenets, about 250 km (150 miles) northwest of Moscow.

"Because of difficult road conditions, fire engines could not reach the site of the accident and a firefighting train which arrived to combat the blaze ran out of water," it added.

Tass said the fire was put out only after the firefighting train's water stocks were replenished. It said victims were given urgent medical aid.

The top Soviet leadership sent condolences to the families of the dead, the news agency said.

Passenger trains travelling between Moscow and Leningrad were re-routed during the night. Traffic was restored on the main line this morning.



Winnie Mandela, Nelson Mandela, in a Cape Town hospital. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iraq will take tough line in ...

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He would not be drawn on details of Iraq's bargaining hand ahead of the Geneva talks but said Baghdad wanted a comprehensive settlement as soon as possible.

France and Britain have pledged to block any bid by Iran to secure a temporary ceasefire which would allow it to resume war on Iraq, Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri said today in Amman.

Meanwhile, another 25 UN observers arrived in Tehran today, joining five who had arrived in the Iranian capital earlier, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

At the UN headquarters in New York, Perez de Cuellar said funds for the truce observers were "urgently needed," and appealed to the General Assembly to approve a stopgap budget.

He made the appeal as the General Assembly began scrapping up \$74 million required to finance the observers group's operation for the first six months after the ceasefire goes into effect.

The funding question was referred to the UN budget advisory committee, where it was proposed that a resolution providing stopgap funding of \$35 million be approved to sustain the first half of the operation through October.

Mandela's health disturbs Pretoria

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 17, (AP): The Minister of Justice says he is "deeply perturbed" by reports that imprisoned African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela is being treated in a hospital for tuberculosis.

The reports have renewed speculation in South African newspapers that the government might consider releasing the 70-year-old black leader from prison. But there was no official response to questions on the subject.

Mandela, who has been in prison since 1962, is serving a life term for sabotage and conspiracy to overthrow the government.

The office of President P.W. Botha said today the matter of clemency is the responsibility of the Justice Department.

Botha in 1986 suggested that Mandela could be released if he renounced violence. However, Mandela has said he will do so only if the ANC guerrilla movement was legalised and the country's apartheid system of racial segregation was dismantled.

Justice Minister Kibie Coetsee issued a statement late last night that said: "I have taken cognizance of the various reports and medical bulletins concerning

Mr Nelson Mandela's condition and am deeply perturbed by them. The entire issue, as well as steps to ensure a speedy recovery, are receiving my personal attention."

Coetsee's office said the minister intended to travel to Durban, where Botha is to give an address on Thursday night to the governing National Party's provincial congress in Natal.

Offer

Meanwhile, British trade unions offered today to cover the medical fees of Nelson Mandela, if he were freed and allowed to come to Britain for treatment.

Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress (TUC), made the offer in a letter to Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe in which he asked Howe to use his influence to put the proposal to the South African authorities.

A copy of the proposal was also sent to the Mandela family. The TUC will honour Mandela at its annual congress next month by using his picture on the congress badge, the first time an individual has made such an appearance.

A special gold version of the badge will be presented at the congress to a representative of the Mandela family.

Bush choose Quayle as running mate

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, Aug 17, (UPI): George Bush, taking decisive command of the Republican National Convention, chose 41-year-old conservative Senator Dan Quayle of Indiana as his running mate today in a dramatic signal that his campaign will carry the banner of the Reagan crusade.

Bush, assured of nomination as the 1988 Republican presidential candidate, introduced Quayle as his pick for the No. 2 spot on the ticket at a giant rally after coming from across the Mississippi aboard the river Steamboat, the "Natchez."

Tackle

At the dockside rally, Bush, broadly stitched the themes he will take into the campaign against Michael Dukakis, saying that in the past eight years Republicans turned around the "failed and faltering policies" of Democrats.

"We have made progress, but we can and we must do even better," he said to cheering supporters gathered under a hot sun.

"We can spread the opportunity further. We can tackle new problems. We can advance peace and growth to even more corners of the world and I promise you that as President I will make sure that America remains the greatest and the freest nation on the face of the earth."

The Vice-President called Quayle "a man of the future, a young man, a man born in the middle of this century and from the middle of the country" and called him "a dynamic young leader for the future of our party and the future of our nation."

"Do you understand how precious freedom is," Bush asked. "In the Senate of the United States, he has been freedom's friend."

Bush's dramatic announcement that the little-known Quayle had been picked as the vice-presidential candidate totally overshadowed activities at the giant Louisiana Superdome, site of the convention.

Rabin offers land if violence stops

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

Aug 17, (Reuters): Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel could negotiate territorial compromise with the Palestinians of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip if they ended an eight-month uprising.

"I am ready for territorial compromise in the context of peace, not for holding the whole (biblical) land of Israel," Rabin told Jewish-American fundraisers, adding he opposed "giving in to violence."

He said the uprising against Israeli occupation was "an expression of despair and frustration (of Palestinians). None of them like to live under Israeli control."

Solution

"Therefore, my answer to the Palestinians who reside in the territories is: 'You would like to have a solution? Fine. Around the negotiating table. Violence will be met by force,'" he said.

Rabin spoke just over a week after US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy advised Rabin to resume talks with Palestinians under Israeli rule.

World leaders shocked

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would say like Rajiv Gandhi, there is no obvious successor to Zia," Mrs Kirkpatrick said.

Jordan's King Hussein expressed deep sorrow at the death of Zia, Jordan Television said.

The state-run television said King Hussein sent a telegram of condolences to Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

Mourning

Jordanian flags will fly at half-mast for three days in mourning, the Royal Court announced in a statement.

A close and personal friend of King Hussein and his brother Crown Prince Hussain, Zia served as an instructor in the Jordanian Army during the late 1960s.

Factual

Soviet media gave brief factual reports today on the death of Zia, who often has been criticised in the Soviet Union for supporting guerrillas fighting Afghanistan's Soviet-backed government.

The Tass news agency reported the explosion of Zia's Pakistani military plane in a dispatch from London that quoted news agency reports.

The popular evening television news programme Vremya reported the Tass dispatch and showed a picture of Zia.

Neither made any comment about Zia or his death.

Zia-ul-Haq killed as plane ...

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into Pakistan and India, the Zia family trekked 75 miles (120 km) across Punjab in Pakistan amid a bloodbath of killing by feuding Hindus and Muslims.

In 1955, Zia graduated from the Staff College in Quetta, Pakistan. In 1963 he attended the US Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and quickly moved up the ranks of Pakistan's Army.

In 1976, he was appointed Army Chief of Staff by Bhutto, the man he would later overthrow.

"I was shocked," Zia later said of the appointment. "Shocked, not surprised, when I was selected Chief of the Army by the former prime minister. There were 10 chaplains to me. I was just one of the Army."

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Zia was married to Shafiz, who appeared in public on ceremonial occasions. They had two sons and three daughters.

Raphel, US ambassador to Pakistan since last year, has been a Foreign Service specialist in South Asia since joining the State Department in 1967.

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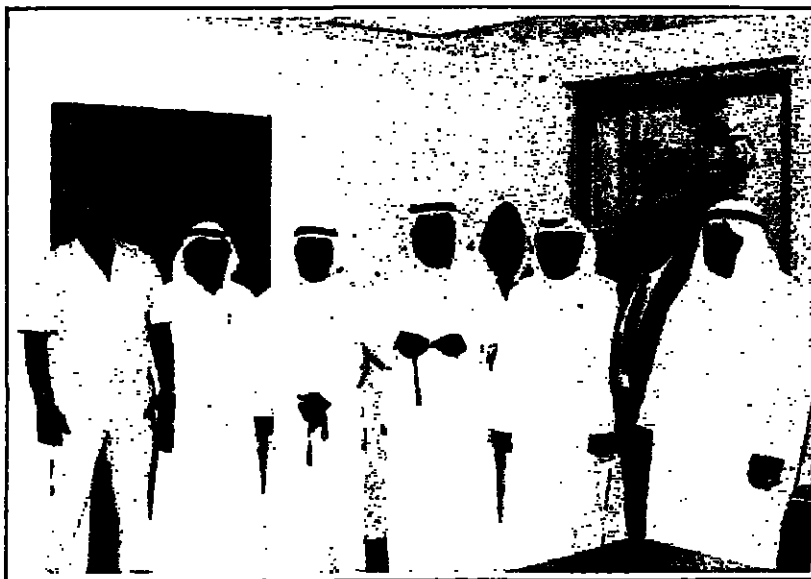
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مكتبة المهندسين الكويتي

Militiamen clash ahead of presidential polls

Bombs rock West Beirut

BEIRUT, Aug. 17, (AP): Five bombs exploded in West Beirut as the parliament's scheduled vote for a new Lebanese President approached, while Druze and Christian militiamen battled southeast of the capital, police said today.

Police said one person was killed and four wounded in the exchange of mortars and rockets between the two militias.

The wave of violence erupted a few hours after former President Suleiman Franjeh, a Christian leader backed by Syria, announced he will run for President.

A police spokesman said the bomb exploded within two hours in five residential districts of West Beirut. They caused damage, but no casualties were reported, police said.

The Syrian soldiers who police West Beirut tightened security, thoroughly frisking pedestrians and motorists as the sound of exploding bombs resounded across the city.

Meanwhile, clashes broke out between gunmen of Druze warlord Walid Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party and their right-wing Christian civil war foes, the Lebanese Forces. The two militias fought in the hills of Kfarshima southeast of Beirut.

A police spokesman said the three-hour exchange of mortar rounds and rockets killed a combatant and wounded four others.

The two factions blamed each other for the sudden outbreak of clashes along the Kfarshima civil war front, quiet for more than six months.

The duel stopped after a security committee, grouping representatives of the various Lebanese militias, called a cease-



Michel Aoun

fire this morning, said the police spokesman who cannot be named under standing regulations.

The escalation came one day before the date set for parliament to meet in Beirut to elect a successor to President Amin Gemayel, whose six-year term expires Sept. 23.

Franjeh, 78, a personal friend of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, announced his candidacy yesterday. The announcement sparked a new political uproar only two days before the crucial poll.

The Lebanese Forces, which is at odds with Syria, responded quickly to Franjeh's announcement by urging parliament not to elect a man "who bears grudges and whose accession to power would touch off the war anew."

The Christian militia urged parliament to elect a "reconciliatory President who could lead the nation out of its current impasse and bring about national entente."



Dany Chamoun

The statement did not say whether the Lebanese Forces will resort to fighting to prevent the election of Franjeh, who was president when the civil war broke out in April 1975.

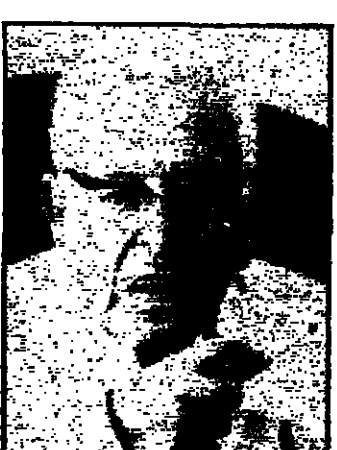
The war, which has claimed more than 130,000 lives and shattered the nation's economy, forced Franjeh to request Syria's military intervention in Lebanon in 1976.

Several Lebanese Christian leaders see Franjeh's effort to seek a new term in office as an attempt by Syria to impose its control over Lebanon.

Syria maintains about 40,000 troops in northern and eastern Lebanon as well as west and south Beirut.

In an editorial today, the English-language Syrian Times said that the Lebanese election is a chance to rebuild Lebanon and expel Israel from the south of the country.

"Those who plan to obstruct the course of the elections should realize that the issue of building



Suleiman Franjeh

Arab Lebanon has long been decided and their sinister plan will do nothing to obstruct the constructive process," the editorial said.

Those who support the process, the paper said, "have also realized that Lebanon's Arab identity is well-maintained through its cohesive ties with Syria."

In Israel, a senior government official said Israel will withdraw its forces from southern Lebanon if a strong, independent President emerges from the elections.

A Syrian-controlled President would plunge Lebanon into "an ongoing state of turmoil," claimed Uri Lubrani, co-ordinator of government policy on Lebanon. He confirmed that Israel had ongoing private and public contacts with various groups, not just its traditional Christian allies.

Israel maintains about 1,000 soldiers in a self-declared security zone, six to 10 miles deep, in south Lebanon.

Egyptian mummies to get new beds

CAIRO, Aug. 17, (Reuters): Scientists have developed a bed for Egyptian mummies that will let them rest in peace, unbothered by micro-organisms and pollution.

After a year of research, the Getty Conservation Institute and the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation (EAO) arranged a press viewing of the new showcase bed last night.

"Mummies, like all organic material, are affected by fluctuations in humidity, micro-organisms in the air and pollution," said Luis Montal, director of the Getty Institute.

"Instead of applying surgery, we are using preventive medicine," he added.

"Scientists determined the best environment for mummies by doing tests on 'Lady X,' a 3,000-year-old Egyptian female loaned to Getty by the EAO."

The showcases will contain a blend of 97 per cent nitrogen and three per cent oxygen. Electronic and sensory devices will give regular readings of oxygen and humidity levels.

Egypt's 27 royal mummies, which spent most of their existence in dark caverns near Luxor's Valley of the Kings and Queens, have been off limits to tourists at Cairo's Egyptian Museum for nine years.

Former President Anwar Sadat locked them away because he thought they were displayed in an undignified manner.

But the EAO plans to put them back on view after the new showcases are completed, hopefully next year, officials said.

N. Koreans agree to hold talks with Seoul officials

TOKYO, Aug. 17, (UPI): North Korea, signalling a possible reversal of its boycott of the Olympic Games only a month away, today agreed to meet South Korea for the first time in three years on Friday at the truce village of Panmunjom.

The communist North Korean government said it would send a five-member delegation to the northern side of the village on the 38th parallel on Friday to meet with representatives from Seoul, according to a dispatch of the official (North) Korean Central News Agency.

The North had originally proposed that the one-day session be held today to hammer out details for an unprecedented joint session of the nations' parliaments on Aug. 26, either in Pyongyang or Seoul, to discuss the Olympics and a non-aggression treaty to end 40 years of hostility.

Seoul then requested that the

preliminary meeting be held on Friday.

The Korean news agency said the head of the nation's parliament, Yang Hyong Sop, sent a telephone message to Kim Jae Sun, chairman of South Korea's parliament, agreeing to the change of date.

"I inform you that we, out of the desire to convene a North-South joint parliamentary meeting and have an urgent discussion and solution of the issues of non-aggression and Olympics there, will send five delegates" to the North Korean side of Panmunjom on Friday, Yang was quoted as saying by the agency.

There was no immediate official reaction from Seoul on the North's acceptance.

But a spokesman for opposition leader Kim Dae Jung's Party for Peace and Democracy welcomed the move.

"We hope the upcoming

parliamentary meeting will provide a turning point for reunification. The administration should do its best to help the effort by the National Assembly (parliament)," said the party spokesman Lee Sang-Soo.

The last face-to-face meeting between the North and South was held in Seoul on Dec. 3, 1985 under the auspices of the Red Cross and it was agreed at that time that another meeting would be held in North Korea in February 1986.

On Jan. 20, 1986, North Korea announced it was cutting off all talks with the South to protest a scheduled routine annual military exercise involving South Korean and US forces.

In the latest round of peace overtures between the Koreans, the North proposed on Aug. 9 that the parliaments of the two nations meet to discuss a peace treaty and their conflicting Olympic stances.

New floods force Khartoum evacuation

KHARTOUM, Aug. 17, (Reuters): Sudanese authorities, nervously watching the flooding River Nile, began evacuating thousands of people from two threatened areas of Khartoum today.

The evacuation of two heavily-populated areas was the first in the capital by the government since the Nile started rising two weeks ago following heavy rain in Sudan and at its headwaters in the Ethiopian highlands.

The Blue Nile and White Nile, converging in Khartoum's twin city of Omdurman, have pushed the river level up just short of the record 1946 flood.

Foreign diplomats and relief officials said a massive evacuation of people living on the banks of both rivers was virtually impossible because of the government's meagre resources.

They said impoverished Sudan, crippled by foreign debt, was stretched to the limit by a relief effort to feed a shelter more than 1.5 million already made homeless by flooding.

Earlier this week, authorities in Sudan's central region began to move people away from the

banks of the Blue Nile.

The official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said authorities in Khartoum today began moving the inhabitants of Al-Kalakia and Al-Tira districts away from the White Nile.

Already, Nile waters have reached the doorsteps of hundreds of houses in Khartoum and its twin city of Omdurman.

Relief

Saudi Arabia is sending seven helicopters to Sudan to help deliver food and medicine to nearly two million people made homeless by some of the worst floods this century.

The official Saudi Press Agency said that King Fahd, who earlier this week donated 30 million riyals (\$8 million) to the flood victims, ordered the helicopters despatched immediately.

Saudi Arabia is Sudan's biggest benefactor in the flood crisis and has already sent dozens of plane-loads of emergency supplies to Khartoum.

In Bahrain, the Red Crescent said it was giving Sudan \$26,500 for the flood victims.

Sudan's curse is Egypt's blessing

CAIRO, Aug. 17, (Reuters): Sudan's curse is Egypt's blessing. It is the River Nile — in high flood.

As thousands of Sudanese flee the rising Nile, Egyptian planners cautiously celebrate the end of nearly a decade of low water levels in the river.

"Yes, we are relieved and very pleased," said Abdel Rahman Shalabi, technical director in the Irrigation Ministry. "We believe it will be an above-average flood."

The Nile snakes its way from Sudan north through parched Egypt to the Mediterranean and the annual flood is the difference between feast and famine as the lifeblood of Egyptian agriculture.

In Sudan, it is threatening disaster. It is now dangerously close to its 1946 level — the worst flood in living memory in Khartoum.

Sudanese officials fear the Nile could burst its banks along a 500-km front in the central region causing misery and hardship for thousands.

Already severe flooding has made nearly two million Sudanese homeless, caused food shortages and outbreaks of disease.

In Egypt, it is not enough water, rather than too much, that threatens disaster.

During eight successive dry years, when rains in the Blue Nile's catchment areas were less than normal during the summer flood season, Egypt's strategic Lake Nasser behind the Aswan High Dam dropped 20.6 metres.

Officials warned that without a strong flood this year, they would have to close the high dam hydro-electric power plant.

Rebels control parts of Kunduz

Afghan plane shot down

KABUL, Aug. 17, (UPI): Rebels shot down an Afghan military transport plane carrying government soldiers to a combat zone near the Soviet border, killing all 39 aboard, a high-ranking Soviet official said.

The official said the rebels fired a surface-to-air missile at the Antonov-32 transport aircraft, yesterday, sending the plane plummeting to the ground as it headed for the contested town of Kunduz. Afghan government troops are fighting outnumbered Muslim rebels at Kunduz, some 64 km from the Soviet frontier.

The Soviet official did not specify whether the missile was a US-supplied Stinger. He said all 39 soldiers and crew on board the

plane were killed, but there were no further details such as the location of the crash and the exact time of the incident.

A senior Asian diplomat in Kabul said Muslim rebels battling government forces have reasserted control over parts of Kunduz, evacuated by Soviet troops last week as part of the April Geneva accord calling for a withdrawal of more than 100,000 Soviet soldiers by Feb. 15.

Soviet sources said their latest reports indicated sporadic fighting in and around Kunduz, with the US-backed guerrillas regaining from Afghan government forces some residential areas of the provincial capital of some 30,000 people.

"We have heard the rebels have twice returned to areas they had left, and they still hold some parts of the city," said a Soviet source with close contacts with Moscow's military.

Western diplomats in Pakistan said that with the exception of the airport, guerrillas were in control of Kunduz, 240 km north of Kabul, and that heavy fighting was continuing.

The reports contrasted with statements Monday by President Najibullah that Kabul's forces had "purged" and "wiped out" the guerrilla invaders.

Afghan rebels claimed today to have killed about 500 Soviet soldiers in an attack on a garrison and ammunition dump in northern Afghanistan.

Hayden to become Governor-General

CANBERRA, Aug. 17, (AP): Foreign Minister Bill Hayden resigned today to represent Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in the largely ceremonial post of Governor-General of Australia.

The appointment was simultaneously announced in London by Buckingham Palace and in Canberra by Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

Hayden, Foreign Minister in

Hawke's Labour government since 1983, takes over from Sir Ninian Stephen, who retires as Governor-General on Feb. 16.

Hayden, an Australian Labour Party politician for 22 years, once belittled the job of governor-general as one which needed "people skilled and experienced in the duties of ... cutting ribbons, opening fetes and attending baby shows."

The announcement ended

months of speculation and controversy over the anticipated appointment.

Hawke said the 55-year-old Hayden was highly qualified for the job following a career of "great distinction."

Trade Minister Michael Duffy will act as Foreign Minister until the next sitting of Parliament in two weeks when the cabinet will be reshuffled, Hawke said.

Iraq gives Jordan Iranian weapons

BAGHDAD, Aug. 17, (Reuters): Iraq has given Jordan a huge haul of captured Iranian tanks and armoured personnel carriers, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

The gift of war booty was disclosed at the end of a visit yesterday by Jordan's King Hussein, a staunch backer of Baghdad in its eight-year-long conflict with Tehran.

The agency said the booty included 90 British-made Chieftain tanks, 60 American-made M-47 tanks, 19 British Scorpion tanks and 35 armoured personnel carriers.

Jordan's armed forces have mainly British and US equipment, while Iraqi armour is mainly Soviet-supplied.

Iraq seized large amounts of Iranian armour, artillery and missiles this year before Iran accepted a UN-mandated ceasefire, due to go into effect on Saturday.

One Western diplomat in

Baghdad estimated Iraq had captured more than half of Iran's entire force of around 800 tanks.

Western estimates put Iraq's tank force at about 5,000.

The agency said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and King Hussein signed a document stating the gift "represented Iraq's appreciation of Jordan's positive stand towards the Iran-Iraq war and its support in repelling the Iranian aggression."

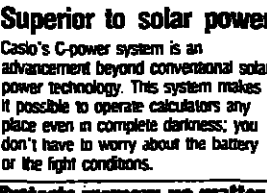
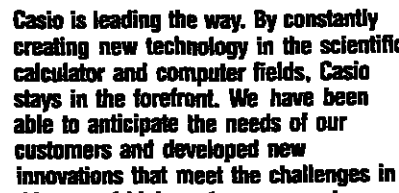
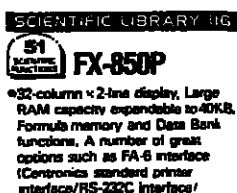
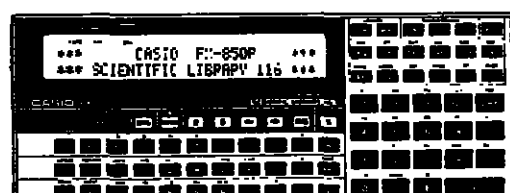
Earlier this month King Hussein thanked Iraq for what he described as highly valuable gifts of military equipment and Jordan Television showed him inspecting several captured Iranian Chieftain tanks at a military workshop near Amman.

Meanwhile, President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday Egypt was taking a wait and see attitude to the restoration of ties with Iran now that the Gulf war appeared to be near its end.

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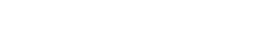
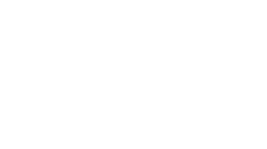
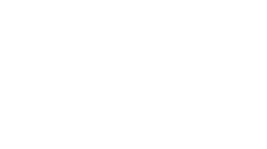
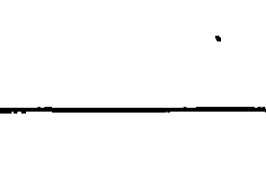
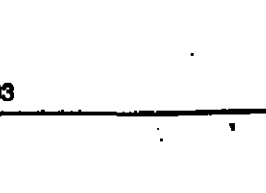
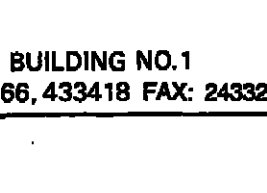
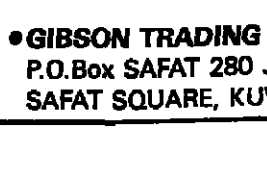
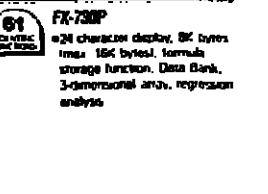
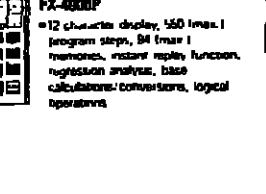
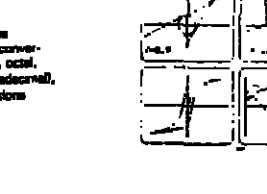
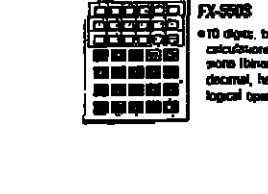
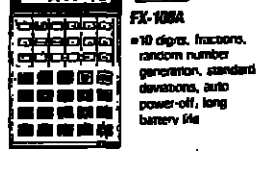
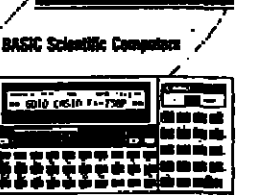
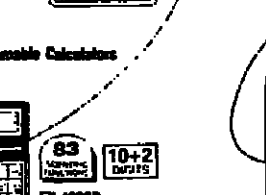
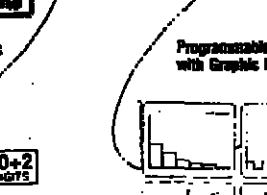
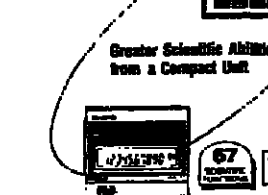
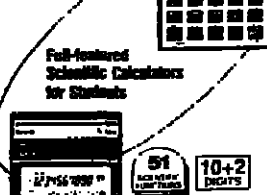
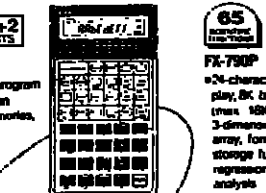
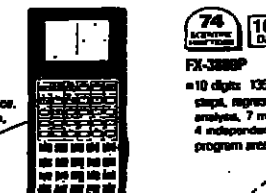
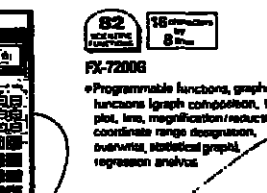
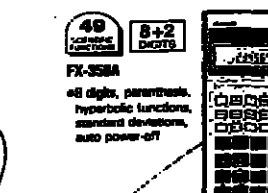
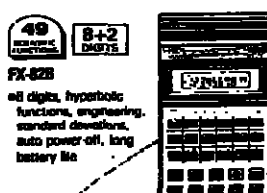
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Preparations for next academic year

By Qassem Nayel

AN OFFICIAL source at the Ministry of Education has said that the council of under-secretaries at the ministry will meet next week.

He told a local daily that the undersecretaries will discuss the preparations for the next academic year.

The educational areas planning committee has reported to the undersecretaries on the requirements of ministry schools, he added.

Meanwhile, the source said the furnishing and housing section at the ministry has provided furniture and accommodations for new teachers who will soon arrive from Egypt and Jordan.

Most of the wooden furniture will be removed from classrooms this year and the air-conditioning problem will be solved by the beginning of next summer, he said.

It is said that he expects the beginning of the new academic year to go smoothly. Some assistant headmasters will visit selected schools to check the progress of preparations for the new year, he said.

Kidnapped baby's mother demands compensation

By Naser Al Tameem

THE mother of the baby boy kidnapped from a maternity hospital last month has demanded compensation of KD30,000 from the Ministry of Public Health.

The surprise move came during an investigation by the general prosecution.

Police are still searching for the baby, who was kidnapped only 48 hours after birth. The legal affairs department of the Ministry of Health also launched an investigation at the hospital and interviewed its director and officials of the ward from which the baby was taken.

Both investigations have led nowhere and the case has been registered against an unknown.

Support for university in Ahmadi

AHMADI Governor Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem supports a proposal to build a university in the Ahmadi area, but said the issue is subject to the opinion of other government authorities, such as the Ministry of Higher Education and Kuwait University.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Ali said the Ahmadi governorate is involved in projects proposed by the Public Authority for Agriculture in response to HH the Amir's desire to make the country green. He also said Ahmadi takes pride in maintaining itself as a model area and that schools in the area will start planting trees at the beginning of the next academic year.

Arab summit next year

SAUDI Royal Court Adviser Mustafa Idris is expecting the ordinary Arab summit to convene sometime next year in Riyadh the Saudi capital.

The Saudi official, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily published here yesterday said that the summit was postponed until next year to await results of international and regional efforts to end the Iraq-Iran war, and the coming election of the US president.

He described King Hussein's decision to end legal and administrative relations with the West Bank as positive and right, noting that it is time for every party to identify its stance in the conflict with Israel.

Farewell ceremony

THE summer clubs in Ahmadi educational area held a farewell ceremony during which prizes from HH the Amir were distributed to outstanding members.

The director of Ahmadi educational area, Abdullah Al Loqman, and the director of the schools activities department at the Ministry of Education Khaled Al Harban, gave out the prizes.

Meanwhile, the director of Hawalli educational area, Abdullah Al Rujab, attended a ceremony at Salmiya Summer Club for Girls where prizes from HH the Amir were distributed to outstanding members of clubs in the area.

The ceremony was attended by Khaled Al Harban, director of the school activities department at the Ministry of Education, and a number of ministry officials.

Four US warships head for Gulf

WASHINGTON, Aug 17, (AP): The US Defence Department, after suspending deployment of a guided-missile cruiser to the Gulf last week, has allowed four other warships to sail as scheduled for routine rotations in the troubled waterway.

Another warship sailed for the Gulf on schedule last week, officials said.

Defence Department and Navy spokesmen declined to discuss the matter in any detail.

beyond acknowledging the vessels had departed from ports on the East and West Coasts.

But Defence officials who requested anonymity said the deployments were simply another indication the United States would not be hasty in reducing its military presence in the region, even though IRNA and Iraq have agreed to a ceasefire.

Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci "has said repeatedly we

can begin to reduce the number of ships in the Gulf after a prudent amount of time has passed to make certain the threat has diminished," one source said. "The ceasefire is scheduled for Aug 20. We're not ready to start really drawing down yet."

Defence Department spokesman Dan Howard said, "our guideline throughout will be as stated by the secretary—that we will maintain forces there consistent with the perceived threat."

Scheduled deployment of the USS Mobile Bay was suspended without official reason last week. The ship had been slated to leave Friday to join the US Navy joint task force Middle East, which includes 27 warships in the Gulf and Arabian Sea.

The sophisticated cruiser is a sister ship to the USS Vincennes, which shot down an Iranian jetliner in error last month, killing all 290 people aboard. It was to have replaced the Vincennes.

Kuwait-Turkish meeting

THE Turkish Charge d'Affaires to Kuwait on Tuesday met with the acting secretary general of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, Sulaiman Al Askari.

Askari told KUNA that they fixed a date for the upcoming Kuwaiti-Turkish meeting scheduled in Kuwait next October to review the draft executive programme for cultural and scientific exchange between the two countries, the programme will be signed during the talks.

The talks also focused on the Turkish side's plans to open an art exhibition next December, he added.

Kuwait said it is ready to host the exhibition.

People urged to donate for Sudan flood victims

A JOINT Kuwaiti charitable committee yesterday urged merchants, citizens and expatriates to quickly send material and cash donations to flood-victims in Sudan.

The committee, made up of 11 non-profit institutions and societies, asked for volunteers to help distribute supplies in Sudan. Floods left about 2 million people homeless and destroyed more than 150,000 homes.

In a press conference at the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society yesterday, assistant secretary-general of the society Abdul Kareem Jafar said the Sudanese capital is submerged in water.

About "200,000 houses were demolished leaving some 2 million persons without shelter," he said.

The ad hoc Kuwaiti committee, which was formed last Sunday is made up of charitable and humanitarian institutions in Kuwait. The committee was entrusted with collecting more donations and supplies for Sudan.

Meanwhile, meeting of the executive bureau of the Arab Health Ministerial Council was postponed until next Sunday.

The meeting, scheduled for yesterday in Tunis, was designed to examine the impact of the floods.

The executive bureau includes the health ministers of Jordan, Syria, Kuwait, Tunisia, Morocco and Iraq.

The United Arab Emirates yesterday began airlifting aid to Sudan.

The official news agency WAM said the first of eight planes carrying food, tents and medical supplies left Abu Dhabi after an appeal by Khartoum for international assistance.

Heavy rain in Sudan and the Ethiopian heights increased the level of the Nile dramatically. Reports say that the swollen river may burst its banks and inflict more destruction on already stricken areas.



The acting Chief-of-Staff, Brig. Jaber Khaled Al Sabah (centre), received at his office yesterday an Egyptian military delegation. The delegation is headed by Maj. Gen. Ahmad Assem. Military ties between the two countries were discussed.

Filipino maids flee

FIVE Filipino maids recently deserted their employers during a trip to Malaga, Spain, reliable sources told a local daily.

The sources added that this phenomenon is prevalent in the summer and the incident is certainly not the first of its kind. A Spanish man who belongs to a Mafia-style gang and is married to a Filipino, reportedly persuaded the maids to leave their employers by promising the women good jobs.

The daily reported the experience of a Kuwaiti family whose maid disappeared in Malaga while they were out on an excursion. After telephoning their children, they were told that the maid had left. The parents returned to find a message from the maid saying that she got another job.

As far as Spanish security authorities are concerned and in accordance with Spanish law, the maids have the right to work there as long as they are over 18 and have not committed any criminal act.

Two jailed for forgery

THE Criminal Court has sentenced two men to rigorous imprisonment for forging official documents.

The court heard that one of the men, Saleh, who was sentenced to three years, had a baby who died 19 years ago. He did not notify the authorities of the death and gave the child's name to Ayed, the other accused man.

Saleh later registered Ayed in his nationality file and gave him a Kuwaiti passport.

Saleh, who is a Kuwaiti national, claimed social allowance from his ministry for Ayed and social security after retirement. Ayed was exposed when he submitted an application to join the police academy claiming that he was a Kuwaiti national.

The court ordered Saleh to return the KD 1,809 he got in social allowances and fined him the same amount.

The court sentenced Ayed to two and a half years' imprisonment to be followed by deportation for falsely claiming to be a Kuwaiti national.

Sharia graduates remain unemployed

IN an interview with a local daily, Khaled Al Shati, a recent graduate, said that it is unfortunate that the Ministry of Education hires teachers from outside Kuwait while there are adequate local graduates.

He said the problem started with the graduation of the first group of students at Sharia College.

Directed Students were directed towards specific fields after graduation, namely Ministry of Education, Awqaf and Justice. Unfortunately, they did not possess good knowledge of such fields.

After the first group graduated, a number of graduates submitted applications for employment at the Ministry of Education which refused to hire them because their qualifications were not suitable, he said.

Al Shati added that many Kuwait University graduates were appointed at the Ministry of Education without having formal teaching experience.

Sharia graduates appealed to officials at the university for a solution. Thereupon, nine of the

60 graduates were accepted for employment by the Ministry of Education.

Sharia graduates continued to meet officials on the issue and all graduates were appointed, Al Shati said.

However, the problem has resurfaced because the ministry has refused to hire any graduates from the second group of graduates because enough teachers have already been appointed. He said that the Ministry of Education is responsible for providing jobs for graduates and called upon the dean of the Sharia College to resolve the issue.

Realising it is disappointing when students spend four years studying only to find out that nobody is willing to hire them.

the Sharia Society at the University contacted relevant officials to find solutions, according to the director of students affairs at the Sharia Society Salim Al Shimari.

Promised He added that after the reappearance of the problem the society met with ministry officials. The Undersecretary and assistant undersecretaries promised to find a solution to the problem.

The delegation was assured that the problem will be given priority and settled by July or August.

Unfortunately, no solution has been found and graduates who submitted their applications have been rejected, Al Shamir said.

Treated sewage water for agriculture

AN OFFICIAL source at the Ministry of Public Works has said that Kuwait started using treated sewage water for agricultural purposes in 1965.

Sewage water treatment started at Al Hayawan station and the treated water was used for irrigation at the agricultural experiments station.

A decision was made to dispose of sewage water through a network at a purification station in Ardiya. Studies revealed that an estimated 22 million gallons of water will be saved by the project.

The ministry said it made more sense to use the water instead of pumping it into the sea. In 1971, experiments were conducted at Omariya agricultural experiments station and the results were encouraging.

A new farm, irrigated by treated sewage water, was established at Sulaibiya for fodder agriculture.

In 1978, the ministry decided to develop the field and operations started in 1984.

The project consists of treatment stations attached to the purification stations in Ardiya, Jahra and Riqah. Pumping stations send treated water to main storage centres and a control centre.

116 seats vacant

A LOCAL daily reported yesterday that there are about 116 vacant seats in different faculties of Kuwait University for the coming academic year.

The newspaper said the university will admit 2,759 students instead of 2,875 previously announced. The daily said that Kuwaiti students were more attracted to military and police academies, oil companies and the Public Authority for Applied Education.

Studying A source at the university noted that 68 per cent of students are girls. The source said that the university administration is studying the phenomenon in view of the need for male graduates in the local market.

Meanwhile, the acting dean of the registration at the university, Dr Jaafar Aseeri, said that 2,075 of the students admitted this academic year were Kuwaitis while the rest were expatriates.

Sheikh Saad phones Khalifa

MANAMA, Aug 17, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday telephoned Bahraini Premier Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa to congratulate him on his speedy recovery from recent surgery, the Gulf News Agency reported.

Cleaning companies to face tough action

THE Kuwait Municipality intends to take strict action against any cleaning company in Kuwait that violates any terms of their contracts, a responsible source at the Municipality said.

The source was commenting on garbage and refuse piling up in the Municipality's containers at different areas for several days.

Kuwait's Auditing Bureau has recorded a number of violations last year committed by cleaning companies and violations by the Municipality for not taking strict actions against these companies which breach contracts with the Municipality.

Training courses

SIX training courses will be offered in the coming academic year, Dr Toamah Al Shemmary, assistant dean of the Faculty of Law at Kuwait University said.

He told a local daily the courses will cover criminal law, civil service law, the laws of tenders, labour and arbitration and international law.

He added that the first course will run from Sept 1-9 and the last will be from Dec 5-14.

Registration for the courses will be between Aug 25 and Sept 25.

One dies in accident

ONE man died yesterday in a traffic accident on Fahad Motorway. There were 18 traffic accidents yesterday in which several cars were damaged.

Meanwhile, an official source at the Traffic Department announced that a diversion will be set up at the orthopaedic hospital roundabout on the Shuwaikh-Jahra road as of Friday morning.

Disembarked by bus 4th (Ring) Road to travel from Shuwaikh to Jahra.

Power project

ON THE recommendations of the joint committee from the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and the Institute of Research at Riyadh University, the GCC interconnecting power project will be implemented at the beginning of next year.

The Undersecretary of the Bahraini Electricity Ministry, will be the executive committee chairman.

Official sources indicated that another study will investigate linking all Arab countries of the East in a similar fashion.

The Arab Fund for Economic Development has supported the concept and allocated KD400,000 for the project. A number of international companies have already offered to do the work. However, cost estimates on both projects are said to be very high.

Defence talks

MANAMA, Aug 17, (KUNA): Bahraini Defence Minister and Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Bahrain's Defence Force Major General Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamed Al Khalifa today conferred here with the commander of the British Royal Fleet in the Middle East B. Maciers.

The meeting was attended by Chief-of-Staff of the Bahraini Defence Force Sheikh Abdullah Bin Salman Al Khalifa and the British ambassador here.

Locusts

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Ministry of Public Health has revealed that a committee has been set up to deal with a possible invasion of locust swarms.

Some of Kuwait's neighbouring areas have been invaded by locusts and large agricultural areas were destroyed, he said.

The committee consists of representatives of the anti-rodent and insects department of the ministry and of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth.

Contributors

FIGURES issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour have shown that the number of contributors in local co-operative societies reached 161,462 during the first quarter of this year.

The state actively supports and develops the co-operative movement. Its activities are supervised by the co-operation department of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.



The Yemeni Democratic Arab Republic Minister of Transportation, Saleh Abdulla Al Muthana (left) in talks with HH the Amir.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir received at his office yesterday the Yemen Democratic Arab Republic Minister of Transportation Saleh Abdulla Al Muthana, who gave HH a message from Yemeni President Haidar Abu Bakr Al Attas. HH also received another message from the secretary general of the Socialist Party Central Committee, Ali Salim Al Boith.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Transportation Abdulla Abdul-Mohsin Al Sharhan and the Yemeni ambassador to Kuwait.

Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to Indonesian President General Suharto on his country's national day.

Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to Gabonese Premier Leon Mebiame on his country's national day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

An untimely decision

A LOCAL newspaper yesterday criticised Jordan's disengagement from the Israeli-occupied West Bank, saying the decision was untimely and did not help Palestinians in the territory.

"King Hussein's decision, though politically significant, will make life for Palestinians inside the territory more difficult from an economic and material point of view," commented the paper in a front-page editorial. The paper added that the disengagement will weaken the national struggle against Israeli occupation by depriving thousands of families of their daily livelihood coming from Jordan.

But the paper stressed that the royal Jordanian decision will enhance Palestinian identity.

"We realise the need for a handover of legal and constitutional responsibilities and other affairs such as passports and birth and death certificates from Jordan to the legitimate Palestinian authority, but only after and not before the establishment of (an independent Palestinian) state," the newspaper said.

"We are approaching a critical juncture which does not bear arguments and wishes, for any mistake will reflect negatively on the future of Palestinian uprising," the daily went on.

"It is untimely to busy ourselves with who is Palestinian or Jordanian when the popular uprising is entering its ninth month and is proving itself daily," the daily said.

Brunei minister in Amman

AMMAN, Aug 17, (Reuters): Brunei's Minister of Religious Affairs Pehin Mohamad Zain Serudin arrived here today on a four-day official visit, the state-run news agency Petra said.

It said Serudin would discuss with Jordanian officials how to increase co-operation in Islamic affairs and heritage.

Radio programme

DOHA, Aug 17, (GNA): Radio Qatar has officially endorsed the GCC Voice programmes which will start to air on Sept 1 and last for three months.

The programmes, which have been created specifically for GCC countries, will be begun at 5.00 pm. Popular serials, news, cultural programmes, variety shows and religious programmes will be featured.

KUWAIT AIRWAYS
Aircraft maintenance staff extend their deepest sympathies to their colleague **Denzyl Fernandes and his family** on the sad demise of his **father**
Simon Marshall Fernandes
on 16th Aug. 1988 in Goa, India

LOST

The following Syrian Passports have been lost in Al-Sharq area recently :

NAME : Michel Georges Macoukji
PASSPORT No. 896892 SR/82
REGISTRATION No. 1760/88
Delivered in Kuwait on 21/5/88

NAME : Saadet Amin Darwish
PASSPORT No. 901913 SR/82
REGISTRATION No. 4113/87
Delivered in Kuwait on 3/5/87

NAME : George Michel Macoukji
PASSPORT No. 901915 SR/87
REGISTRATION No. 4114/87
Delivered in Kuwait on 3/5/87

If found, please remit to the Syrian Embassy in Kuwait, or contact 2455801
Important Reward

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 1.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Faraj Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

SOCIAL

Country Western Musical
The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual country and western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911/2346 or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Indonesian get-together
To celebrate Indonesia's Independence day, there will be an evening of music and songs at the Ambassador's residence at Surra, Plot 6, Street 9, Villa 3, on Aug 18 at 7.30 pm. Members of the Indonesian community are cordially invited.

Onam Festival
The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil 2422973.

Y.M.C.A.
The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1 at 8.30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J. D'Sa at 2450279/3981790/3924659.

Varca Sporting Centre
"Varca Sporting Centre" will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

Indian Arts Circle
The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

Malayalam debate
A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The last one is on: The different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19).

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun 4814477.

HOTELS

At the Sheraton
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed on Fridays.

Al Hamba features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and a daily special.

At the Ramada
Al Gandoul Grill Garden, open 7pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open every day 7 pm to 11 pm.

Take away counter, open daily 4pm to 11pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, plus fish and chips. Tea, coffee, juices, cakes and pastries are available at the Ramada Al Salam lounge, open 10am to 11pm; icecream promotion daily.

At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Vennesse Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrzad barbeque at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel
The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International Food Arcade; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations, until Aug 31.

At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

At the Hilton
La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Fialka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Bank provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — coconut pie — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament
The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahaheel.

Masters Bowling Tournament
The second Masters Tournament, open to both men and women, will be held on Aug 25-26 and Sept 1-2 at 300 Silver Tower (behind US embassy). The deadline for registration is Aug 23. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

Boy's Own Club
Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe d'Souza 4813622.

PBAK meeting
PBAK will have an officers' meeting on Aug 18 at the Pullman hotel at 7.30 pm. Discussion will centre on various forthcoming tournaments.

*** All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuaibkh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.**

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9:00 Holy Quran
9:30 Space Adventures
10:15 Ibn Al Jabal
11:15 Bu Saich Yure Hallen
12:30 Magic Show
1:00 News
1:05 World Today via Satellite
1:40 Al Ajniha: starring Fadiya Hattab, Saleh Al Hayek, Salma Al Masri
3:35 Cartoons
4:15 The Saint: English serial starring Roger Moore as Simon Templar
5:00 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show
7:15 The Equestrian
7:45 Ma'a Al Islam
8:30 Wa Qalat Al Arab
9:00 News
10:00 Al Tufan: Arabic feature film starring Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Farouk Al

Fishawi, Sumayah Al Alfi, Amina Rizk and Mahmoud Al Jundi
11:45 Thursday Late Night variety show
12:45 Musical programme
1:30 News summary
1:35 World Today Via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

9:00 Holy Quran
9:15 Al Saif Al Mafquod: serial for children starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmed Al Hazem, Ali Al Mufidi, and Awatef Mohammed
10:45 Religious programme
11:15 Friday Prayer
12:25 Al Riza Al Nour: religious programme
1:00 News
1:05 World Today Via Satellite

1:35 Variety show
2:00 Cultural film
2:30 Religious talk
3:30 Ma Waqf Al Tanfeez
5:45 Cartoons
6:15 Songs
7:00 Kuwait in a week
7:30 Archaeology and Islamic Arts in Morocco
9:00 News
9:45 Wrestling
10:45 Naseeb: local weekly serial
11:45 News summary
11:50 World Today Via Satellite

KTV 2

6:00 Holy Quran
6:10 Bionic Six
6:30 Naseeb Street: tutorial, educational and recreational programme for children...
7:30 Full House: "Knock



John Stamos plays Uncle Jesse in Full House, on Thursday at 7.30 pm on KTV 2.

Out
Danny gives a boxer some unexpected news and the guy loses his match.
8:00 News in English
8:30 High Mountain Rangers: Mickey falls during a marathon through a narrow mountain pass.
9:30 I Married Dora: "A Matter of Moulding" Peter signs a contract to design an exhibition for an artist friend; Dora and the kids conspire to have it cancelled.
10:00 The Hit Squad: practical jokes, intrigues, laughs, fun and sneaky hits captured through the hidden camera.
10:30 Feature Film: "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore and Henry Travers star in charming comedy-drama. Sentimental tale of Stewart, who works all his life to make good in a small town, thinking he's failed and trying to end his life. Guardian angel

comes to show him his mistake. Directed by Frank Capra.
12:40 News summary Magazine d'Actualite, Closedown

FRIDAY
2:00 Holy Quran
2:10 Cartoons
2:30 Sports Studio
6:00 Foo Fur
6:30 Walt Disney Film: "A Light in the Forest" A child raised by Red Indians is called to join the Army.
7:30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, humorous discussions and a short story for children...
8:00 News in English
8:30 Summer '88
8:40 Beauty and the Beast: "Ozymandias"
9:30 227
10:00 Guinness Book of World Records
10:30 Nam: Tour of Duty
11:30 News Summary Magazine d'Actualite, Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



James Stewart and Donna Reed star in Frank Capra's classic film, It's a Wonderful Life, at 10.30 pm on Thursday, on KTV 2.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Salem Pharmacy
Fahad Al Salem St., nr. Sheraton Hotel
Al Hakim Pharmacy
Jaber Al Mubarak St., Sharq

Hawalli and Nagra
Al Walid Pharmacy
Tunis St., Hawalli

Salmiya and Rumaythiya
Al Fida Pharmacy
Khansa St., Al Jarallah Bldg.

Fahaheel and Ahmadi
Al Adel Pharmacy
Al Wadi Bldg., Fahaheel

Farwaniya
Al Huwaila Pharmacy
Clinic St.

Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
Souk Jadid

FRIDAY

Kuwait
Dubai Pharmacy
Wagaf Souk, Al Jazeera St., Mohammed Ali Bldg.
Bakhsami Pharmacy
Ahmed Al Jaber St.

Hawalli and Nagra
Al Fiklas Pharmacy
Beirut St., Nagra, opp. Al Andalus cinema

Salmiya and Rumaythiya
Al Markaziya Pharmacy
Amro bin Al Aas St., Al Asfour Bldg.

Fahaheel and Ahmadi
Bastour Pharmacy
Al Dabous St., Fahaheel

Farwaniya
Al Muawer Pharmacy
Souk Janubi St.

Jahra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
opp. Jahra Co-op. Society

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Radio Active
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Waveguide
40 Book Choice
45 Society Today
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Cries and the Crescent
0400 News
30 Classical Record Review
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Peetles' Choice
45 The World Today
0600 Newsweek
30 Time for Verse
45 The Farming World
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Guitar Workshop
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Country Style
30 John Peel
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Society Today
1000 News Summary followed by Churchill the Historian
30 Radio Active
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 New Ideas (ex 4th and 25th Sportsworld contd.)
25 Book Choice (ex 4th and 25th Sportsworld contd.)
30 Citizens
1200 Radio Newsworld
15 Multitrack 2
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK
45 4th and 25th Sportsworld; 11th Jazz Scene UK; 18th Folk in Britain
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 Write On...
1500 Radio Newsworld
15 The Pleasure's Yours

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Bektoren Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Pershiyana
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Radio Magazine
2100 Closedown

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
aws: The Revenge
Al Salmiya
Tambo III
starring: Sylvester Stallone
Al Hamba
Cries in the Night
Wive-In
Ja'arb Al Gooda'an
starring: Youisf Sha'ban
J Firdous
Ism Fareshte Nahin
(Hindi)
starring: Raj Babbar, oonam, Om Puri

Fahaheel Open-Air
Chor Ka Bhai Chor (Hindi)
Al Fahaheel
Nishaan (Bengali)
Al Jahra
Asdeka Ali Shaitan
Granada
War-lords of Atlantis
Salaikhkhat
Oru Minnamununginte
Nurungu Vettam (Malayalam)
Al Jleeb
Johnny Ustad
Ahmad Drive-In
Bayadiah

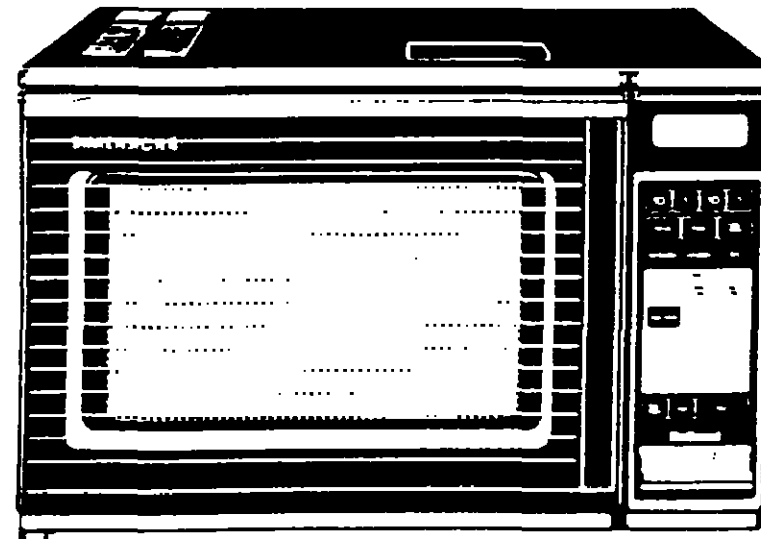
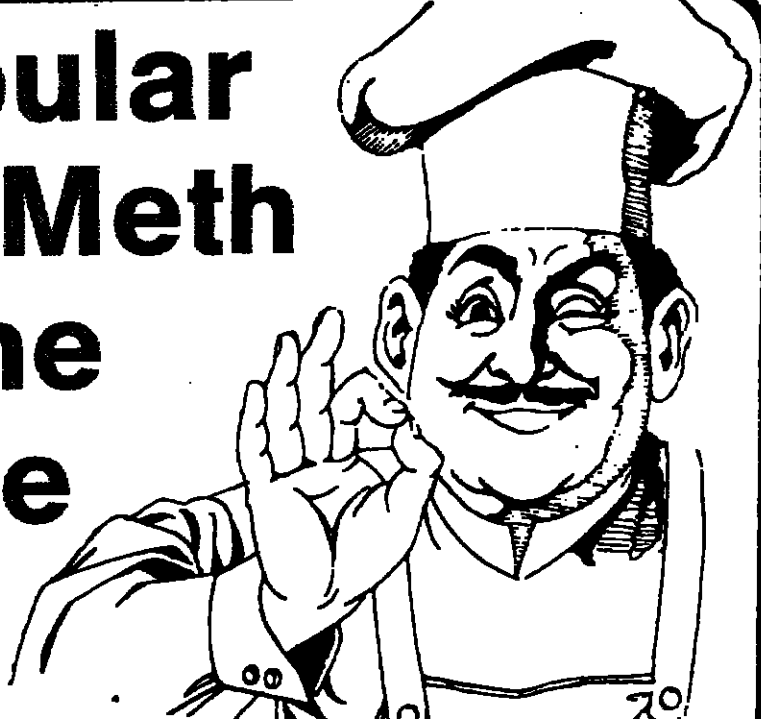
FRIDAY
Al Fahaheel Open-Air
Attyachar (Bengali)
Al Jahra
Cherry 2000
Granada
Maut Ki Ghatt (Hindi)
Salaikhkhat
Robocop
Starring: Peter Weller and Nancy Allen
Al Jleeb
Tamacha (Hindi)

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.54 am
Zuhr 11.52
Asr 3.27 pm
Maghreb 6.24
Isha 7.47

Friday
Fajr 3.55 am
Friday Prayer 11.51
Asr 3.27 pm
Maghreb 6.23
Isha 7.45

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LETTERS & EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES
Thought for today

TAKE care of the minutes, and hours will take care of themselves — G.K. Chesterton, English writer (1874-1936).

Dukakis has a sense of American values

By Charlotte Salikowski

WASHINGTON: Michael Dukakis may not have foreign policy experience — but he has executive ability, good judgment, and a sense of American values.

Says Madeleine Albright, the Democratic presidential contender's senior foreign policy adviser.

As an example of how not to conduct US foreign policy, says Dr Albright, the Democrats among other things will exploit the Iran-Contra scandal. "We will use it as an example of secretive policy or diplomacy and lack of judgment," says Albright. "It was a lousy policy that led us into the Gulf. You cannot make policy by such a hare-brained way of getting around the bureaucracy."

George Bush, she says, has shown a lack of judgment as vice-president. "You will not find Dukakis toasting Marcos as a friend of democracy, or selling arms to get hostages out, or dealing with a Noriega. It's fine to have a resume but you need a record, too."

Dr Albright, who was born in Prague, is professor at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, specializing in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. She was formerly chief legislative aide to Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine and served on the National Security Council staff in the Carter administration.

Policy

In an interview Albright spelled out Dukakis's positions on a number of foreign policy issues:

- US-Soviet relations will continue to be a major pre-occupation. The US must assess the changes taking place in the USSR and "test and challenge" Mikhail Gorbachev to translate his words into deeds. His ideas about conventional arms cuts must be probed more.
- New kinds of threats face the US because of a dispersal of power in the world: economic imbalances, drugs, arms transfers, and volatile situations that are hard to control.
- The US needs to reassess its relationship with Central America and in general all Latin America, moving away from an approach of dominance to one of encouraging countries to work

Ability

The Georgetown scholar stresses that foreign policy making is a process and requires good executive ability. "Every department of the government has some part in foreign policy and you can't rely on one part," she says. "Dukakis has been a strong administrator who delegates responsibility but also takes it back to make decisions. Also, he doesn't like people around who say 'Yes, yes' — he likes to debate."

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Quiet revolution goes on in Taiwan

By John Hughes

TAIPEI, Taiwan: A quiet revolution is going on in Taiwan — a revolution largely unremarked upon by the world's news media.

In recent years there has been a dramatic overturning of authoritarian rule in such Asian countries as the Philippines and South Korea. Events in those countries got major headlines — perhaps because they were attended by violence and confrontation.

But here in Taiwan, bastion of the non-communist Chinese regime ousted 40 years ago from the mainland by Mao Tse-tung's communists, change just as remarkable is under way without violence and without much international fanfare.

Although a soaring, blue-and-white mausoleum to Chiang Kai-Shek commands the centre of Taipei, the dynasty he established in Taiwan has ended. His years ruling Taiwan in "exile" from the mainland were autocratic ones in which the authority of the Chinese mainlanders he brought with him was paramount. The native Taiwanese, who make up about 85 per cent of Taiwan's 20 million population, had little say.

Reforms

With an imperial disregard for democracy, Chiang, who died in 1975, anointed his son, Chiang Ching-Kuo, to succeed him. Chiang Ching-Kuo, who himself died earlier this year, set in motion some surprising reforms. One was ending almost 40 years of martial law. Another was paving the way for the accession of Taiwan's first native-born President, Lee Teng-hui.

Since his accession, carefully balancing conservative elements among the Chinese hierarchy against a strong reformist drive from younger Chinese and native Taiwanese, President Lee has let

the breezes of openness rattle through his administration. The press is much freer, and is able to criticize. The ban on street demonstrations has been lifted, and opposition groups have used this new liberty to protest with vigour.

Lee faced, and won, a major test of his standing earlier this month when, in addition to the presidency, he was confirmed as chairman of the ruling Kuomintang. In an interview before the party congress, he talked with me about the need for injecting younger politicians into the system.

Lee, an agricultural economist by training, with a master's degree from Iowa State University, is a tall, outgoing man. He sees the need for removing political deadwood and for party reform. At his party's congress, he restructured a number of key committees and has since recruited new faces in a major shuffling of the Cabinet.

Corruption

Some critics, of course, want him to move even faster. Yao Chia-Wen, leader of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party, told me: "Democracy is inevitable, but it's not going fast enough." Yao, critical of inefficiency and corruption in government, is himself only recently out of jail after serving a seven-year sentence for sedition. But he sounds remarkably unembittered, talks frankly of shortcomings in his own party, and when pressed, concedes that government reforms are "moving in the right direction" — it's just that they are not moving fast enough.

But though some reformers remain impatient, most agree that change has been significant and that the political scene in Taiwan is fluid and exciting.

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Zia ruled with iron hand

ISLAMABAD. (Agencies): President Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who seized power in a military coup 11 years ago, ruled Pakistan with an iron hand that bore the stamp of Islam.

Zia, 64, a strong ally of the United States and other Western powers, died yesterday when his military plane exploded just after taking off from Bahawalpur, 530 kilometres (330 miles) southwest of Islamabad. US Ambassador Arnold L. Raphel also was killed in the crash.

Zia, a career military officer, strongly supported Afghan guerrillas in their struggle against the Soviet-backed Marxist government in Afghanistan and kept up his nation's military strength to guard tense borders with neighbouring India.

In New Orleans, the former US ambassador to the United Nations, Jean Kirkpatrick, said Zia's death raised doubts about Pakistan's ability to support the Afghan rebels.

Strong

"Zia was a very strong person," she said in a television interview from the Republican National Convention. He was "very important to the whole geopolitical strategic constellation of the region, very important to the freedom fighters of Afghanistan."

Reluctant ruler

"Really, you can say that," he said. "A reluctant ruler. But I am not a person to just give up in disgust and walk away. I am determined to stay here until I solve all of the many problems that continue to face our country."

He was born into a middle-

class family on Aug 12, 1924, at Julunder, in what is now India's Punjab state. He became a devout Muslim in his youth, and later instituted Islamic laws when in power.

"His great passion in life is Islam," a close aide said.

His rule was helped by geopolitics and luck: The Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in 1979 led to more Western aid, and good harvests brought more food in the early 1980s.

In recent months, however, he faced an unprecedented challenge by the country's increasingly unified political opposition, led by Benazir Bhutto, the daughter of the former prime minister.

"It's not important what people say about you now," Zia said in a 1983 interview. "But what history remembers after you've gone."

Infuriated

He infuriated the opposition earlier this year by dismissing his Prime Minister, Mohammad Khan Junejo and banning political parties from taking part in parliamentary elections called for November.

He had allowed earlier elections in March 1985 but then also prohibited parties from contesting them. The polls were widely

boycotted.

Zia had predicted things would be different this time, saying people would turn out. The system, he said, would be a better form of democracy because people would be forced to vote for individuals rather than blindly following a party.

His opponents said the moves were unconstitutional, some accused him of timing the election to coincide with the pregnancy of his most prominent critic, Benazir Bhutto.

His leadership was tested by the return from exile in April 1986 of Benazir, the leader of the Pakistan People's Party.

For three months she drew huge crowds to her campaign for immediate fresh elections. She denounced Zia as a dictator and usurper, but the protest was crushed in August 1986.

After that Benazir settled down to reorganise her forces along more peaceful lines. Her Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) even took part, unofficially, in nationwide local elections in November 1987.

An earlier challenge to Zia's rule had come during three months of protests in Benazir's home province of Sindh in 1983.

The death of Zia removes a key ally of the United States and

could endanger support for Afghan guerrillas fighting to topple the Soviet-backed Afghan government, US officials and foreign affairs analysts said yesterday.

"Pakistan and the United States have a very special relationship and the loss of Zia was a tragedy," Vice-President George Bush told a news conference at the Republican National Convention in New Orleans where he was to receive the party's presidential nomination later in the day.

Zia's government has been the main conduit for US-made arms funnelled to Afghan rebels in their eight-year conflict to oust the Soviet-backed Kabul government.

The Soviet Union has repeatedly expressed its dissatisfaction with Pakistan for continuing to aid the rebel force in what the Soviets say is a blatant violation of the Geneva accords reached last April in which the Soviets agreed to withdraw from Afghanistan.

In the months before his death, Zia traded bitter accusations with Moscow, each side accusing the other of violating the UN-mediated accords under which more than 100,000 Soviet troops were to pull out of Afghanistan.

US envoy had long experience in Asia

WASHINGTON, (AP): Despite his relative youth, Arnold L. Raphel was one of the US State Department's most experienced Southwest Asian diplomats.

Raphel, 45, was killed yesterday along with Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and 35 others when their military jet exploded in the eastern part of that country.

Raphel, who was on his second tour of diplomatic duty to Pakistan, had been ambassador there for little more than a year. He was the US embassy's political officer from 1975 to 1978.

Admired by many of his State Department colleagues, Raphel was at the centre of White House efforts to secure the release of the 52 US hostages held by Iranian militants from 1979 to 1981.

Assistant

At the time, he was the senior special assistant to then-Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and to Vance's successor, Edmund Muskie. He was one of a handful of State Department aides fully apprised of abortive efforts by former President

Jimmy Carter's administration to obtain the hostages' freedom.

Before his appointment by President Ronald Reagan as ambassador to Pakistan in 1987, Raphel held senior positions in the Political-Military Affairs Bureau and the Middle East Bureau of the State Department.

Raphel was involved in the Southwest Asian affairs for more than 20 years, beginning with his assignment to Islamabad, Iran, as a 24-year old State Department recruit in 1967. Two years later he was assigned to Tehran.

With a mustache, thick eyebrows and a serious demeanour, Raphel had a professional appearance. But his dress usually was more casual than that of his State Department colleagues.

A native of Troy, New York, Raphel was born on March 16, 1943, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College in 1964. Before joining the Foreign Service, he received a master's degree from Syracuse University.

Raphel was recently married to Nancy Ely, a State Department official. He had a daughter by a previous marriage.



Zia in talks with HH the Amir, when he visited Kuwait in April this year.



Zia with Pope John Paul.

Franjeh's candidature

By Hala Jaber

BEIRUT. (Reuters): Suleiman Franjeh, who on Tuesday declared himself a candidate in Lebanon's presidential election, is linked in the minds of many Lebanese with the start of the civil war in 1975.

A personal friend of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, Franjeh, 78, sees himself as representing "nationalist" Maronite Christians untainted by links with Israel.

He served as president from 1970-76. Analysts said it was assumed Damascus would back him in today's election, knowing this meant a showdown with the hardline Christian Lebanese Forces militia. The militia is strongly opposed to Syria's political and military role in Lebanon.

Syria, with some 25,000 troops in the Bekaa Valley, west Beirut and the north, wields great

A reminder of civil war

influence over the country's Muslim and leftist leaders.

Asked recently in a Reuters interview if he believed Syria's presence should be extended, Franjeh said: "It should be applied to the whole of Lebanon."

One analyst said: "If Franjeh is the next president, we're basically talking about a tribal settling of scores by a feudal lord from north Lebanon, who would employ the levers of state and manipulate international competition to his advantage."

Yet Franjeh is no mere Syrian stooge. He is a Maronite nationalist who has strongly resisted attempts, even at Syrian prompting, to dilute Maronite power.

Perhaps his greatest electoral disadvantage is his previous term

of office, the period which spawned the civil war.

In the minds of some Lebanese, the name of Franjeh is associated with the end of a stable and prosperous way of life.

For many of Franjeh's co-religionists, Syria is the arch-enemy — an authoritarian state bent on stripping Maronite powers, imposing an Arab nationalist identity on the country and ending civil war by coercing Lebanese to accept a pax Syriana.

He was elected president by parliament, by a single vote on the third ballot, on August 9, 1970.

Disorder

His victory sparked disorderly scenes inside parliament and was greeted by celebratory gunfire outside from up to 6,000 of his

militiamen who flooded Beirut for the occasion.

Admired by the right for his toughness towards Palestinian commandos who had created a state within a state, he was hated by the left, which tried to force him to resign.

"The only way I will leave the presidency is in a coffin," Franjeh said when the leftist Muslim camp tried to depose him.

His departure did not end the war and his stubborn refusal to step down was considered at the time to have prolonged it.

The killing of his son Toay in 1978 by militiamen of the main Christian Falangist Party, headed by Pierre Gemayel, father of President Amin Gemayel, led to a blood feud that split Franjeh from the main Christian camp.

A gaunt, bespectacled figure

with thinning white hair, Franjeh has a reputation for ruthlessness and physical toughness.

The former president, who smokes heavily and is often seen with a rosary in his hands, commands feudal loyalty in his hometown Zghorta, headquarters of the "Marada" (giants) militia commanded by his surviving son Robert.

Born in Zghorta on June 15, 1910, Franjeh was raised in an atmosphere of politics. His father was a parliamentary deputy and his elder brother Hamid became foreign minister.

He switched from business to politics in 1960 after Hamid suffered a stroke, holding a string of cabinet posts before becoming president.

Franjeh, a keen huntsman in the mountains of north Lebanon, is married with four surviving children — three daughters and his second son Robert.



Tragedy does not care for constitution

SIR: When tragedy strikes it does not care for the subtle nuances of constitutional technicalities. The sacred Indian constitution could not save those who perished in the train disaster at Perumun, Kerala. Though far off from the shores of Ashtamudi lake, we have a moral responsibility to lend a helping hand.

Next to the claims of the family, but not next in importance, is our duty to our neighbours. Naturally, the question arises as to who is a neighbour. Is it the people who live next door? Certainly not as the story of the good Samaritan tells us.

The fishermen of Perumun answered the question clearly. They did not waste a moment and rescued the hapless people from the "killing water."

To do social service today is to be an interpreter of your neighbour's aspirations. It's high time for all like-minded people to lend a helping hand.

A reader,
(Name and address supplied).

Winners' list is published

SIR: This refers to the letter "Winners' list never published," (AT, Aug 4-5).

The writer of the letter mentions about competitions held by Al Muthanna Complex which belongs to Kuwait Finance House. On behalf of Al Muthanna Complex, I would like to state the following:

1. In every competition we commit ourselves to the appointments and dates mentioned in the advertisement regarding the competition.

2. Winners' names are usually published the next day of the draw in the local newspapers. A list of winners' names appeared in Al Anbaa newspaper on 20/7/88. The draw was conducted in the presence of clients.

3. We thank the Arab Times and its readers for taking interest in competitions conducted by Al Muthanna Commercial-Residential Complex. Three competitions have so far been conducted.

Al Muthanna Complex is now preparing for a new season of competition which will be more interesting.

Zuhair Al Mazidi,
Deputy Information Manager
Kuwait Finance House (KSC).

Expats are not protected

SIR: I refer to the letter "Protecting expats," (AT, July 28).

Labourers are promoted by the management after a proper interview conducted by a selection board.

Neither the Kuwait Airways nor any ministry protects its expats. If any KTC staff, especially the drivers violate any rules, immediate action is taken. As the KAC tries to maintain a high standard it will not protect an expat of low calibre.

I know of a maintenance superintendent in charge of shifts, who regularly took home company's property in a car with green licence plate. The car was not checked properly. Once he was caught. But the only punishment he got was a transfer to a prestigious VIP aircraft section. This is called protection.

So will Mustafa Al Mohamad correct his idea about an expat.

Raouf, Safat.

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

Hectic spell of shootings, recordings, happenings

Filmland in a flurry of activity

THE last couple of months has seen film folk in a flurry of activity. Big Money was pumped into the industry. More films were shot and even more songs were recorded and cassettes released.

One reason for this was the summer spell followed by the monsoon. Those who could, went for outdoor locations taking advantage of the lovely climate of Kashmir or Kulu. The rest were studio or house-bound and as there was very little social outing or night life during the heavy rains, the top stars obviously decided that this was the perfect time to get a lot of work done and perhaps go on holiday at a later date.

Shatrughan Sinha's doctor brother Lakhna Sinha is producing *Biloo Badshah* under the direction of Sisir Misra. The director has had an Oriya hit *Aare Amar Sonar*, and thus Shatrughan's family were inspired. They also liked his fast approach to work.

In quick schedules over four months, Misra finished off nearly the whole film, in spite of stars busy with other films.

The film is about a joint family, with the good-hearted eldest brother holding together several volatile characters, like his wife Anita Raj, his younger sisters Neelam and Menka, the happy-go-lucky Govinda who wants to marry Neelam, his younger brother Sumet Saigal and his proud rich wife Archana Joglekar who upsets the whole balance.

The Shekzade people first shot on a huge casino set at a Hyderabad studio and then at several other places. Here too, Shatrughan did important scenes with Dharmendra, Dimple, Kimi and Danny. Raj Sippy has completed 7 reels of the film for actor Rajan Sippy, whose *Shoor Veer* flopped recently.

Another multi-star film *Naakabandi* was taken a few reels further by director Shibu Mitra with Dharmendra, Sridevi, Chunky, Sonam, Anupam Kher etc. Chunky and Sonam also shot with Shatrughan for *Na-inafi* which Mehul Kumar has progressed to 12 reels. Shibu's *Aakhri Chulha* (Mithun-Sonam) has 14 completed reels to its credit.



Govinda (left) and Sonam: many new films in the pipeline.

The Rajshri Films empire of the Barjaya family has again gone into production with a romantic tale *Maine Pyar Kiya*. For the first time one of them has become a director, namely, the young grand-son Sooraj Barjaya. His young stars are Salman Khan (son of writer Salim) and Bhagyashree a new lass from the South. There is also a new singing talent, Sharda Sinha who is known by the title of "Maithili Kokila" in Bihar. Supporting roles are by Alok Nath, Rajiv Verma (a TV star), Laxmikant Berde (a Marathi star), and Pervin Dastur (another new stage artist). Nutan's son Mohanish Behl gets

another chance once again to prove himself.

The big star opus *Batwara* directed by J.P. Dutta for producer Salim of Aftab Pictures is constantly in the news. Being made on an epic scale in the deserts and villages of Rajasthan, the film completed yet another long schedule with Dharmendra, Vinod Khanna, Mohsin Khan, Dimple, Poonam, Amrita Singh, Shammi Kapoor, Asha Parekh and Nena Gupta. There were rumours of conflicts between the stars but even they realise that such a big film is quite important for them. By now, 16 reels are in the cans. Ramesh Sippy is shooting

A group on the sets of the film *Maine Pyar Kiya*.

Manoj's 'Deshwasi' is progressing slowly but surely. On the sets are Rajeev, Mahesh Bhatt, Manoj, Suresh Oberoi and Hema Malini.

three films at a time — and all are progressing slowly. *Zameen* has completed 16 reels, despite a busy star cast like Vinod Khanna, Sri Devi, Sunjay Dutt, Rajnikant, Madhuri, Sujata Mehta etc. Akteya for producers Mushir-Riaz with Amitabh, Jackie, Meenakshi and Amrita has covered only six reels. For his own father's *Bharatnagar*, started recently with Rekha, Mithun and Rajnikant, he has covered only 3 reels. A song was recorded and filmed on the main stars at Film City during a 12-day shooting. Photography is by the art film cameraman, K.K. Mahajan.

Distributor Gulshan Rai is producing his fifth film *Yadav*, directed by son Rajiv Rai. It has the interesting combination of Naseeruddin Shah, Sunny Deol, and Jackie, apart from Madhuri, Sonam and Sangeta. 12 reels have been completed. Lady producer cum Marathi actress Sushma Shirromance is making *Pyar Ka Karz* with direction by K. Bapaiah and starring Mithun, Meenakshi, Neelam and Sonam. The same director is also inching ahead with *Sikka* (Dharm, Jackie, Dimple) and *Justice Dharamveer* (with Dharm again and Anil Kapoor, Sridevi, Jaya Prada).

Mukul Anand is another busy director. For *Bhappie* Sonie he is making *Khooa Ka Karz* with Vinod Khanna, Rajnikant, Sunjay Dutt, Dimple, Kimi, Sangeta. But this film has covered only 6 reels while Mukul is busy with his Amitabh starrer *Agneepath* for which he has very high hopes. Mahesh Bhatt has nearly completed Hema Malini's production *Awaargi* (Anil, Meenakshi, Govinda). He is also handling *Muskhil* (Babbar, Sunjay, Madhuri), *Rakshak* (Vinod

Khanna, Hema, Rekha) and the old *Shatrughan* of Vinod Khanna.

Films which are nearly at the end of their 16-reel long journey and may find a release during the Diwali holidays are also rising in number. They include Tony's *Abhimanyu* (Anil, Poonam, Kimi) (J. Om Prakash's *Agnee* (Mithun, Amrita, Chunky, Mandakini), Raj Kumar Kohli's *Bees Saal Baad* (Mithun, Dimple, Meenakshi), Chandra Barot's *Boss* (Vinod Khanna, Jaya Prada), Manoj Kumar's *Clerk* (Shashi Kapoor, Rekha, Goswami), Sultan Ahmed's *Daata* (Mithun, Padmini), Feroz Khan's *Dayawan* (Vinod Khanna, Madhuri, Amala), T.C. Dewan's *Shamshad* (Mithun, Meenakshi, Mandakini), and N. Chandra's *Tezaab* (Anil, Madhuri, Chunky, Suparna).

Family drama: Shatrughan (left) and Menka share a dramatic moment with Sumet, Neelam, Rohini and Archana in the film *Biloo Badshah*.

Lata (left) presents bouquets for the big guys, Anjad and Vinod, heroes for own film 'Lekin'.

There has been no dearth of music recordings too, and most of the taping studios report full bookings for months. In fact, recording two or three songs is a favourite play of producers to attract financiers. Many new voices are also getting a chance and several non-film songs are being issued by the growing cassette companies. Pakistani singer Reshma who made an impact in Hero and has recorded an album of Punjabi and Multani hits came to sing recently for Sanjay Khan's *Sur-zameen* under the baton of

Laxmi-Pyare. Another sharp voice in demand is of folk singer Ila Arun. The peculiar singer Alisha Chinai with a childish voice recorded a song for *Lashkar* tuned by Nadeem-Sharavan. The other known singers keep up their regular quota.

Death
Raj Kapoor's death also brought forth a spurt of cassettes, including 18 videos tapes of all his films. H.M.V. at once brought out a double pack of his songs, with his own dialogue and other excerpts as

an extra bonus. Other companies like TIPS which did not have the rights brought out cover versions of R.K.'s songs sung by Banshi Tiwari with music by Sayed Ali.

Popularity of the *Ramayana* serial has also yielded cassettes like *Suno Shri Rama Kahani* sung by J.K.S. Setpal, *Venus* cassettes have brought out song issues of *Khooa Baar Maang* and *Maalamaa* and finally, Biddu has recorded in London the music tracks for *Jalal Agha's Gooj* a young love story, shot in Goa.



Naseeruddin Shah (left) turns to singing for Karan Shah's new film. He is in good company of top vocalist Asha Bhosle (right). Photo by B.K. Tambe.

Behind the screen

Now that the highly successful serial *Ramayana* is over, poor Deepika who played Sita runs the risk of getting typecast as the *Chhoti Bahu* as happened with Nanda, Naaz and other young actresses of short stature. Deepika is already playing the younger sister to Farha in *Badi Bahu* a re-make of the past hit which featured Suraiya and Geeta Bali. So it seems there is no future as a heroine, after such a popular role as Sita's.

Saira Banu's niece Shaheen has at last got the clearance to act in films from her aunt as well as her choosy uncle Dilip Kumar. She will appear opposite Govinda in Mukul Anand's untitled film. But there is a catch. Dimple and Vinod Khanna are the main leading pair and Shaheen is only a side heroine. What a way to start!

A month before his death, Raj Kapoor broke his principle and sold the video rights of all his 18 films to Garware for 75 lakhs rupees. But if he had lived to see the cassettes, the creative

artist would have shuddered. Mera Nam Joker has been badly cut up to fit in with the usual length. In all other films, some of his best scenes are interrupted by commercials for scooters or soaps. And now, there are rumours that his sons are also selling the TV rights, while R.K. had always shown the thumb to the authorities.

Rekha was very upset with sister Dhanalaxmi. Not having much to do she was carrying on with Tej Sapru who also has little to occupy himself with. Moreover both are married and would need a divorce to get together. Rekha was not concerned about her sister taking a wrong step. She was angry that Dhanalaxmi might do what she herself and Amitabh could never do.

The old tradition of encore or once-more on the stage for popular songs has returned and that too on the screen which never had such traditions. For a Tamil musical *Agni Nakshatram* when the audience repeatedly demands a song, the projector is stopped, the song



Rekha: annoyed with her sister

sequence is rewound and shown again. The film is a hit because of the particular song.

The two producers of Magnum Films issued threats to Mukul Anand that he must complete their big-budget film

Jung and not neglect it in favour of his new assignments. This was because Mukul was being considered for two more films starring Amitabh Bachchan. The threat worked and the director came to a compromise with the producers.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

CHOLESTEROL LEVELS VARY

QUESTION: I'm being honest, I do everything I'm told. I stuck to the diet, stopped smoking and exercised. Yet I can't make heads or tails out of the changes in my cholesterol levels. My doctor says the lab is a good one and the tests are dependable. Can cholesterol levels change with the weather?

ANSWER: I find myself smiling at the implications of this question, and wonder at the content of the conversation that brought you to write me.

It's debatable. Some experts say "yes" while others insist that it just doesn't happen. Your cholesterol level is not a constant, year-round number but tends to fluctuate daily and, yes, may even change seasonally.

Seasonal cholesterol level fluctuations do not occur in everyone and evidently there is no psychological reason when they do, except perhaps for the effects of stress.

A recent study showed that cholesterol levels taken between November and January were 39 per cent below those of the same people measured between February and April. Others have recorded seasonal fluctuations; still others note individual

fluctuations but not any associated with seasons.

In yet another study, it was found that cholesterol levels might be steady for long periods and then all of a sudden undergo astounding shifts.

It truly does not matter if cholesterol levels vary with the seasons because anyone whose level is at the edge of risk should be watched carefully by a physician. It is important to reduce your cholesterol level if you are at risk of coronary heart disease and you probably are at risk if your cholesterol levels are high.

QUESTION: I read an answer in your column about crossing seat belts over to take care of three kids. However, I have another real concern that stemmed from your answer. How safe are car seat belts for small children?

ANSWER: Seat belts are not particularly safe for small children, but they are safer than nothing. Small children (those under age 4 or under 40 pounds in weight) should be strapped into federally approved child car seats. These seats will help keep a child

from being thrown violently within the car during an accident.

Children's car seats are available in sizes to fit infants and toddlers and should be used each time the child is in a car. In some states, it is the law that a child must be in a car seat or strapped in at all times.

If a car seat is not available, strapping a child in with a lap seat belt is better than not using anything. A small child is very top heavy. Their heads are the heaviest part of their bodies. If a car is stopped suddenly, the unrestrained child is thrown forward and a serious head injury or death is often the result. In a severe accident, an unrestrained child can fly around the car like a rag doll. Remember, car accidents are one of the leading killers of our children.

The best answer, of course, is to do the right thing — do it right and do it regularly. That may mean buying an extra child seat or two, but it's the only way I know of preventing the tragedy that can occur when youngsters are not properly buckled up in devices that have been engineered to protect them. 1988 TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES, INC.

ANDY CAPP

By Smith



The world's worst failures

The least successful judges
AN esteemed panel gathered in February 1987 to judge 387 entries in the New York Chair Fair.

After some rarified discussion at the New International Design Centre they awarded the prize for the best Ad Hoc Avantgarde Chair to Tom Musorafa. The name was not known to any of the distinguished audience.

Only when the prize was awarded did they learn that he was a construction worker on the as yet unfinished New Design Centre. When he saw the entries arriving, he decided to make a seat from the leftovers in his skip as a joke.

Looking at the nailed up combination of a cardboard drum, a piece of plasterboard and a green plastic lid, the award-winning craftsman said: "I can't believe this piece of garbage won anything. I had to look up 'ad hoc' to make sure they weren't yanking me around."

In praise of the judges' adventurous choice, a critic from Design Week Magazine said: "It was actually quite comfortable because there was a bit of give in the cardboard drum."

The unluckiest stage show

KNOWING how superstitious theatre people are, Lawrence Wright announced that his 13th production at the North Pier, Blackpool, was in fact his 14th. The fates now thwarted, he opened On With The Show in the summer of 1938.

First, the theatre burned down and all the props were destroyed. After that things began to go seriously wrong. The show was transferred to the smaller pavilion, where Tessie O'Shea slipped, sprained her wrist and was unable to play her ukelele. Then Harry, of The Five Sherry Brothers, was rushed off with gastric trouble, an ailment also caught by the novelty vocalist, Peggy Desmond, who was out of action for a week.

Robert Naylor lost his voice, while Frank Randle had to have all his teeth pulled out and stood there in his gums for the rest of the run. Dorrane of Alexis and Dorrane Specialty Dancers was ordered to take a complete rest, two members of the Health and Beauty Chorus sprained ankles and one of the high-speed dancing Viennese Romanians fell upstairs and hurt her leg. W. M. Morris, the manager, collapsed and the wardrobe mistress, Mrs E. Perry, fell and sprained her arm.

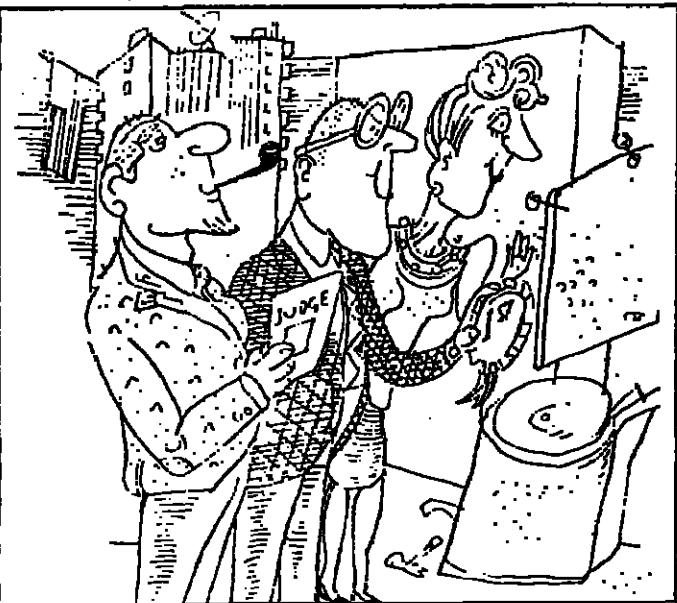
It was then discovered there were 13 people in the cast, 13 musicians in the band and 13 songs in the show.

The critic who reviewed the wrong show

HOW necessary is it for a critic to see the production that he is reviewing? Opinions differ on this, but Heuwell Tircuit of the San Francisco Chronicle has done much to further the view that such details only clutter the mind.

In August 1987 this great critic wrote a devastating attack on the San Francisco Ballet's performance of the *pas de deux* from Bizet's opera *La Fille du Roi* de Perth.

Stephen Pile, author of the 'Book of Heroic Failures' which chronicled the worst in every sphere returns with some more gems of human achievement. As the author says each failure is completely individual requiring skills, panache and style. Here are some extracts.



headed "San Francisco Ballet Misses a Step". Tircuit hit top gear. "Either the San Francisco Ballet is being overworked or under-rehearsed," he roared. For a start, he was not impressed by the dancers who "looked a tad dumpy". He found that David McNaughton was "not up to his best." And as for Ludmilla Lopkova, "her potato-drenched Russian training seemed less heavy than in the past. But she, when added to Tomasson's dark choreography, didn't quite come through."

Perhaps this was because the performance was cancelled that night that replaced by Ballet For Five Male Dancers in which Miss Lopukhova naturally did not appear.

In his report Tircuit estimated that there were 10,000 people in the audience at the open-air theatre. His newspaper later estimated that he had not been one of them. Defending his imaginative review, he said that he attended the performance, but felt so ill that he was unaware of what he was watching.

The worst orchestral tour
IN August 1977 the London Sinfonietta visited Morocco to give two concerts at the Tabarka and Carthage Music Festival.

On landing at Tunis Airport they found that the courier, who was to transfer them by bus to Tabarka, was not there.

nor was the bus. Eventually, the courier did turn up but there was still no sign of the bus and it was two hours before they embarked upon a hair-raising journey to the Mimosa Hotel, where 20 rooms were reserved. On arrival the hotel had, naturally, never heard of them nor the Carthage and Tabarka Music Festival.

The orchestra spent the night on the beach without bedclothes, pillows, food or drink in huts belonging to a disused Club Med terrace. Coincidentally, Michael Viner, the orchestra's artistic director, dreamed of his mother advising him to become lawyer and to avoid the world of professional music.

Next day, no one in Tabarka knew anything about a concert that night or any other and the Carthage end of the festival "seemed not to care one way or the other what was happening in their sister town." The orchestra abandoned the first concert, played the second and returned to Heathrow Airport with a deep sense of gratitude.

The least solemn mass
BEETHOVEN'S Missa Solemnis was given its most dramatic performance ever at Acton Town Hall in March 1988. Professor James Gaddam, of Trinity College of Music in London, was gathering Ealing Choral Society and orchestra to launch into the

profoundly beautiful notes of the final movement when there was a sudden crash. A door slammed at the back of the hall and you could have heard a pin drop.

In the hush Professor Gaddam, who had his back to the audience, felt a prickle of anxiety. "I heard this commotion. It was like a horse coming down the aisle. I heard footsteps behind me coming towards the rostrum."

He turned round and there was this apparition: a spaceman in glittering, silver helmet, black leggings, chains, heavy gauntlets and big boots.

"What on earth do you want?" hissed the professor. "Mumble, mumble," said the spaceman, but the professor was unable to understand a word. "It eventually tumbled out that he was from the kioskogram agency. By quick cross-examination I was able to discover that he had come to the wrong hall."

Clank, clank. Away clumped the spaceman. The professor raised his baton and completed the enjoyable work.

The worst West End play

AT the age of 83 the Rev Walter Reynolds wrote Young England, a play which received such wonderfully bad reviews that it played to full houses for 278 performances at the Victoria Palace before transferring by public demand to two other theatres in the West End of London.

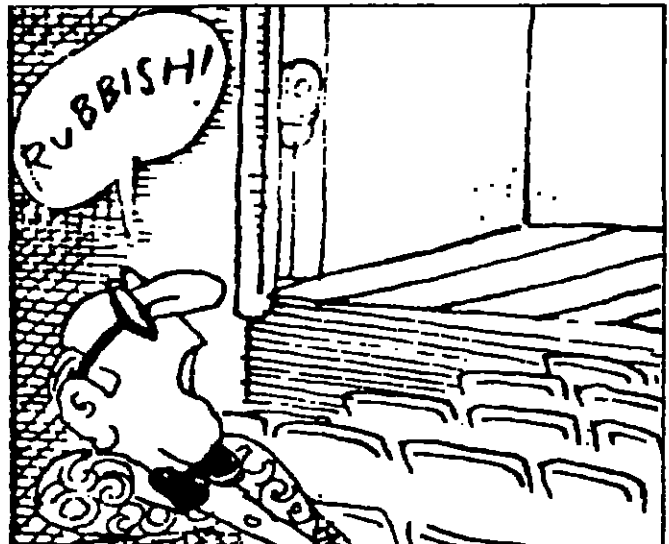
Intended by its author as a serious work celebrating the triumph of good over evil and the virtues of the Boy Scout movement, it was received as an uproarious comedy. Before long, audiences had learned the key lines and were joining in at all the choicest moments. The scoutmistress rarely said the line "I must go and attend to my girls' water" without at least 50 voices in good-humoured support.

The plot, which was never cheapened by a sense of humour, tells of Major Carlingford, a betrayer of women, shady promoter and sanctimonious humbug, who spends the greater part of the evening conspiring with his scoundrel son to run a popular and heroic young man who is not only a scoutmaster, a town councillor and a parliamentary candidate, but also a talented engineer destined to improve the appearance of the Thames at Charing Cross.

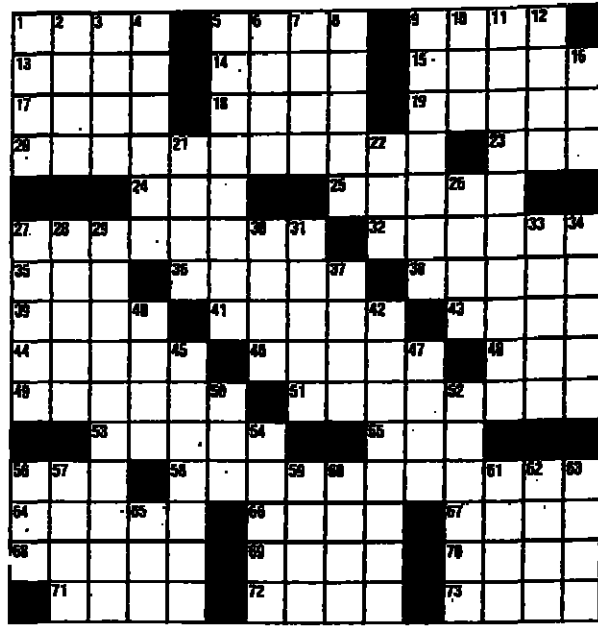
When the play opened in September 1934 at the Victoria Palace Theatre the Daily Telegraph's critic wrote: "The villain makes plain his villainy by constantly wearing a top hat in the depths of the country. His son, 'the second robber', is some sort of officer in the Boy Scouts and brings shame upon that highly respected body by committing his major crime while dressed in his uniform. But he at least has the grace to get into immaculate evening dress proper to his kind when he wants to get drunk."

The show went from strength to strength, even though its clergyman author periodically roamed the aisles remonstrating with hecklers and shaking his fists.

An extract from *The Return of Heroic Failures*, by Stephen Pile, £9.95, to be published by Secker and Warburg, on October 10.



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Louver
 - 5 "— a Dream, Dear": 1908 song
 - 9 Word with engine or drill
 - 13 Young salmon
 - 14 Memo
 - 15 Render powerless
 - 17 Winglike parts
 - 18 Greek letter
 - 19 Certain stitch
 - 20 Karate blow
 - 23 TV's "Gentle"
 - 24 Medieval poetic tale
 - 25 Raw fish dish
 - 27 Secular cantata
 - 32 Disrupter of civil peace
 - 35 Wood sorrel
 - 36 Roofing material
 - 38 Anoint, old style
 - 39 Provencal love song
 - 41 Evening wrap
 - 43 Freedom from concern
 - 44 Violently intense
 - 46 Haut monde
 - 48 Ethiopian title
 - 49 Steps crossing a fence
 - 51 Baggage, today
 - 53 Aquarium fish
 - 55 Corn unit
 - 56 Blockhead
 - 58 Good-luck charm
 - 64 Nose tantalizer
 - 66 Heraldic border
 - 67 Subject for Hogarth
 - 68 Impassive
 - 69 Change direction
 - 70 Silk worm
 - 71 Blue-pencil
 - 72 Henri ending
 - 73 North Sea feeder
 - 21 Actor Carmichael and others
 - 22 Mongrel
 - 26 Use a strop
 - 27 Skyrockets
 - 28 Brilliance
 - 29 Green salad, to some
 - 30 London gallery
 - 31 Bkld, e.g.
 - 33 Maxwell and Lancaster
 - 34 Delta of song
 - 37 Name for a Lamb
 - 40 Wino, to Fien
 - 42 List under, the long way
 - 45 Divert
 - 47 Stats for Gooden et al.
 - 50 Mrs. in Barcelona
 - 52 Elaborate embroidery: Var.
 - 54 Superior
 - 56 West. hemisphere org.
 - 57 Commedia dell'—
 - 59 Author Harle
 - 60 "— a Song Go Out."
 - 61 Sculls
 - 62 Steinberg character
 - 63 Seline drop
 - 65 DI plus DI

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

SNIP THE LINE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ J 7 5 3
♥ 10 7 6 4 3
♦ 5 4
♣ 9 5

WEST
♠ A K 10 4
♥ K 8 5
♦ J 9 8 3
♣ 10 6

EAST
♠ Q 9 8 6 2
♥ A Q 9 2
♦ Void
♣ J 8 7 4

SOUTH
♠ Void
♥ J
♦ A K Q 10 7 6 2
♣ A K Q 3 2

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♦ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass
5 ♦ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠
Even seemingly simple contracts can have their pitfalls. When planning the play, be sure you have taken care of all contingencies.

The auction was straightforward. South showed a hand that expected to take 11 tricks with diamonds as trumps, and North concluded correctly that his hand was unlikely to produce a trick.

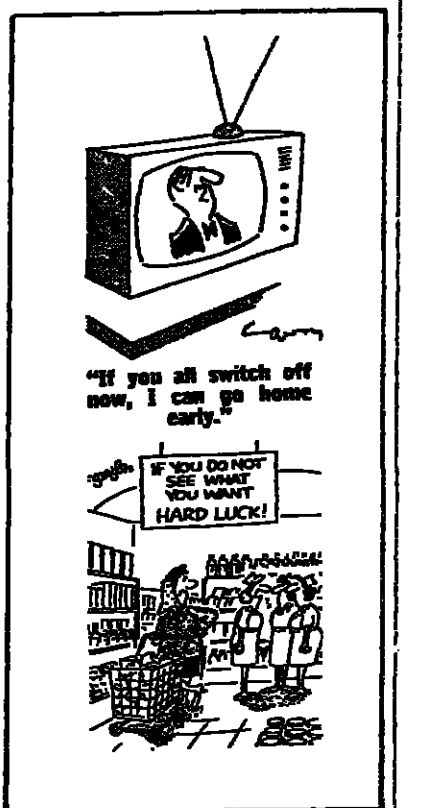
Declarer ruffed the opening lead and banded out the ace of trumps to get the bad news. He realized that he was in danger of losing a trick in each suit except spades, so he tried to ruff a club after cashing the ace king. Unfortunately, West ruffed higher, led a heart to his partner's

ace and got another club ruff for down one.

No one is denying that declarer ran into a decidedly unlucky lie of the cards. But as is so often the case, there was a way to get home even though both minor suits were unfriendly.

Suppose that, when he learns the bad news in trumps, declarer leads a heart. That cuts the line of communication between East and West before East could put his entry to good use. And West cannot afford to win the heart and lead a trump, because that would be giving away his trump trick.

Now, when declarer regains the lead he can cash two high clubs and then lead a low club, and West is faced with a Hobson's choice. If he ruffs, he gives up his trump trick; if he does not, dummy can ruff and the club suit is good. Either way, declarer will lose only two tricks.



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The situation will be rather tense, but not too bad. You will find it stimulating. You will be able to get more done than you first thought possible. Make sure you do not do anything that would positively be injurious to your health. Be responsive.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not allow others to dictate to you but nor should you be unreasonable. You will tend to be a little too dreamy and unrealistic. Avoid doing just the first thing that comes to mind. Be moderate.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will know better what to do and how to go about it. You should not allow work to encroach upon your leisure time too much. Try to keep abreast of new developments. Be sensible.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You will be better able to make up your mind. You should make sure you have your facts right before deciding on what to do. You are better off relying on yourself than on others. Be loyal.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

If you are a little more patient you will be well rewarded. You will be able to do something to improve the quality of your private life. You will find it difficult to make a choice but will have to do so. Be more generous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should beware of others getting into your way. You should not close your mind to change. Once you have made up your mind you should stick to it instead of dithering. Be more sociable.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should try to relax a little and not be too quite so tense. You will be able to repay an old debt and should do so. Make sure you take the best care of your health. Be sociable.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will be able to settle an argument so that everyone is fairly happy. You would do well to be a little more patient. There is no reason why should not have more faith in yourself. Be dependable.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be on better terms with someone with whom you have had a slight quarrel. Indeed with a little more goodwill you will be able to make it up altogether. You should take an offer or proposal quite seriously. Be sincere.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity only you will have to be quick about it. You should not turn your back on change. Do your best not to allow yourself to get lost. Be more concrete.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Your greater inventiveness will help you to deal with an unusual situation. You should do your best to avoid getting into an argument. Make sure you do not exceed any speed limits and take great care round bends. Be generous.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should examine your motives and make sure they are still correct. A tendency to postpone things will have to be combated. You should not become involved in what does not at all concern you. Be cordial.

The Art Buchwald Column

In defence of Meese

was an honest error. He failed to subtract column A from column B and then add that to column C. Attorney-Generals do it all the time."

My beach companions also love to raise the issue of Meese's role in Wedtech, and how he was helpful in steering his best friend, E. Robert Wallach, through the right channels to get a defence contract.

I always get on my high horse about that because Meese was cleared of the charge. The special prosecutor said Ed didn't commit a crime by helping his buddy, at least not one that would start the wheels of justice turning.

My friends, who have no sense of humour about Wedtech, maintain that the one thing the Attorney-General should know is when to stay away from his friends who are trying to make a buck out of the

government.

That's too much even for me, and I point out that while the Reagan Administration is full of people who have been convicted of a variety of crimes, Meese can proudly say that while he was Attorney-General, he was never indicted for anything. "What about the Iraqi pipeline when Wallach asked Ed to act as a liaison between Israel and Iraq and the US in exchange for a bribe to the Israeli Labour Party?" these same people on the beach shout in unison.

My retort is, "Any Attorney-General would have done the same thing for his college buddy. What you have to understand is that the AG has a lot of power, and one of the perks of the job is to do favours for his friends. I have always wished that I was Ed Meese's friend while he

was in charge of law enforcement in this country. I know he would have taken good care of me."

I never know whether or not I am getting through to my friends. Most of them are prejudiced against Meese because they think he has a caveman mentality, which, incidentally, has never bothered me. Others are against Ed because they claim he screwed up Irangate, and still others who worked with him consider him a disaster as a lawyer.

But these are all cheap shots aimed at man who has brought new respect to the highest legal position in this land. I slept better on many nights just knowing that Ed Meese was my Attorney-General.

The only way to silence my friends is to say, "What you all seem to forget is that President Reagan has never turned his back on Ed. As a matter of fact, if the President knew now what he knew then, he would have appointed Ed to the Supreme Court." 1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

I WANT it known that from the very beginning I have always believed Ed Meese was innocent of high crimes and misdemeanours. Why was I so sure? You only have to look at the man's face to know that he is incapable of committing any wrongdoing.

It's hard to convince my friends on the beach that Meese would never do anything to tarnish the office of Attorney-General. Therefore, when people complain about his behaviour in that post, I kick sand in their faces.

"Where is it written that you have to be squeaky clean to be Attorney-General of the United States?" I yell.

"Where is it written," the reply comes back, "that you have to be a sleazeball to be Attorney-General?" I get mad when someone calls Meese a sleazeball.

"You better smile when you say that. After all, you're messing with a man's good name."

Then they bring up all the old stuff again, like the fact that Meese made big mistakes on his income-tax returns.

"That was not a crime. It

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Iran gives bonuses to promote non-oil exports

NICOSIA, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Iran, keen to expand non-oil trade, has extended for 12 months a system of bonuses for foreign exchange earned from exports, Tehran Radio said today.

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted a Central Bank official as saying exporters sold \$350 million to state banks in the Iranian year ended March 20.

Figures released by the Customs in April said Iran's non-oil exports during the year stood at \$1.09 billion. Oil revenue was estimated at \$8.6 billion in the year.

Government regulations allow exporters to keep a proportion of their earnings which they can then sell in the officially tolerated black market.

Acceptance
The black market rate for the dollar fell by more than half to around 600 rials last month after Tehran's acceptance of the UN resolution ordering a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war. It had topped 1,500 rials in June.

The official exchange rate, set daily by the Central Bank, was 71.25 rials to the dollar today according to the Iranian news agency IRNA.

The official quoted by Tehran radio said the government's export promotion committee decided on Monday to extend for a year bonuses of 350 rials in the dollar for export-earned foreign currency sold to banks.

The bonus is 280 rials for each dollar earned through barter exchange agreements — mainly with East bloc countries.

The official said the decision was meant to protect export exchange rates from open market fluctuations, allowing for better planning by exporters.

Developing nations will face grain shortage

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Developing nations face a larger basic grain shortage next year as the US drought deepens high commodity prices, erode their ability to rebuild depleted stocks, the US Department of Agriculture said yesterday.

Fifty-five developing countries will be short 19.5 million tonnes of basic grains in 1988-89, after counting production and commercial imports, the department estimated in a report on food needs.

Stocks in the nations studied fell by about 6.5 million tonnes in 1987-88, the report said. They would need another 4.3 million tonnes to rebuild stocks to ideal levels.

"The problem is general, but a large part of it is in Asia," USDA food specialist Ray Nightingale told Reuters. Failure of Asia's 1987 monsoon season led to severe crop shortfalls where many nations have dug into reserve stocks.

Costly
"If they try, in the current market situation, to rebuild stocks in countries such as India, it will be very costly," Nightingale added.

Drought and civil unrest also depleted stocks in Africa, Nightingale said, adding that some African nations could face more malnutrition and hunger if they cannot obtain enough food aid from developed nations.

While food needs are increasing, developed nations are giving less food assistance than the year before, private aid experts and Agriculture Department officials have said.

The drought will reduce commodity surpluses available for donation, and higher commodity prices will hurt limited food-aid budgets, they said.

The United States will provide about 5.3 million tonnes of food aid this year, compared with 6.8 million tonnes in 1987-88, Nightingale said. Food aid from all nations should drop from 10.5 million tonnes to 8.7 million tonnes.

Nations could compensate for these shortfalls by increasing spending, reducing grain consumption, or keeping low stocks until next year, which might bring higher prices.

Consumption
India could well reduce consumption, he said. Government food programmes would feed the poor, while higher prices would reduce consumption by more affluent citizens.

India also could delay rebuilding stocks, and remain vulnerable to crop shortages anywhere in the world, he said.

But in many African countries ravaged by drought or war, the only option under reduced food aid may be to go hungry, Nightingale said.

Call to adopt new economic policy

No need 'to withdraw money from the reserves'

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT'S contribution to the reconstruction plans of Iran and Iraq will not force Kuwait to withdraw from the Future Generations Fund reserves, renowned Kuwaiti economist Jassem Al Sadoun said.

He said Kuwait can avoid borrowing from the reserves by adopting a new local economic policy.

The economist called for a balance between public expenditure and state revenues to solve the country's deficit problem.

Prices
Al Sadoun suggested studying redistribution of the OPEC oil production quotas and increasing Kuwait's oil revenues.

He also hinted that a taxation policy should be considered if all other efforts to solve the deficit problem fail.

Al Sadoun said the cost of reconstruction plans for both Iraq and Iran will depend on oil prices.

Specialised international companies will have a prominent role in the reconstruction efforts, he said. Kuwaiti contractors will have the chance to join those ventures, he said.

Prosperity
Al Sadoun said the war has affected all trade in Kuwait and the economic effects of the eight-year war will continue long after it has ended.

A flexible internal policy will increase the economic benefits of the reconstruction plans, he said.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti contractors said they believe the ceasefire scheduled to go into effect on Saturday will bring prosperity to Kuwait's commercial contractors and end the economic stagnation caused by the war.

The ceasefire will pave the way for reactivation of the commercial market in Kuwait and the rest of the Gulf region, the economist said.

Reconstruction plans will stimulate trade in the Shuaiba Port, said Gabriel N. Ayub, commercial manager for one of Kuwait's contractors.

Kuwaiti construction contractors will find contracts reaching into the hundreds of millions of dinars, he said.

In 1980-83 the contracting sector was flourishing, but the Gulf war, the Manakh crises, the retreat of oil prices and reservations about general spending spelled trouble for local firms.

Projects

Projects were stalled and contractors fought for settlements over amounts due to them. Although projects in the government sector were not affected by the downturn, the number of projects in the private sector dropped, Ayub said.

Competition between contractors became fierce and only added to the contractors' problems. Lack of liquidity forced many companies to close down, he said. The low number of projects being offered forced

more than half of the companies to accept projects at prices less than their cost.

However, seeing encouraging signs for the future, financial institutions are more willing to deal with contracting companies who have proved their capability and stayed in the local market.

Ayub predicted that the price of construction materials will go up. Today, a ton of steel sells for KD 120. One year ago the same ton cost only KD 70, he said.

H.K. Matthews, the commercial manager of another contracting company, said the price of electrical appliances which went down 25 per cent to 30 per cent after 1984, will also rise by 10 per cent to 15 per cent when exporters increase their prices after the ceasefire declaration.

Oil expected to bring in \$7b this year

Focus shifts to recovery as ceasefire nears in Iran

TEHRAN, Aug. 17. (Reuters): With a formal ceasefire only days away in the Iran-Iraq war, the focus in Tehran is shifting to rebuilding the economy after eight years of war.

Iranian officials say that apart from the toll it exacted in human suffering, the war devastated Iran economically and created immense problems.

The cabinet has already met to plan reconstruction. Western diplomats say the process will be based on small and medium sized projects Iran can finance itself, aimed at getting power to factories, rebuilding homes and reviving agriculture.

Plans
But reconstruction plans are caught between the need for massive foreign exchange to finance raw materials and spare parts and the desire for financial independence.

Diplomats put unemployment at 30 per cent, or four million

jobless — against official estimates of .14 million — and say inflation is running at 70 per cent.

Oil, the backbone of the economy, is expected to bring in \$7 billion this year, the lowest for years in real terms. But theoretically a smaller slice of revenue will be needed for the war machine.

Inflow
The mood will not tolerate a mass inflow of foreign aid, diplomats say.

The Jomhuri Islami newspaper warned this week, in a look at relations with Japan: "Attractive yet deadly traps of low interest loans and aid for industrial reconstruction... have already begun to spread... since the acceptance of resolution 598."

At the start of revolution in 1979, some 77 major industrial projects were on the drawing board, one Western diplomat

said. Today, he said, there were four — the Bandar Abbas refinery in the south, the Isfahan Steel Works and two power plants.

A Japanese-Italian consortium is to build the refinery which the Kayhan newspaper said would have a 230,000 barrels-a-day capacity and be partly financed by a \$400 million loan backed by Japan's Ministry for International Trade and Industry.

Capacity

"Power plants will certainly go ahead," the diplomat said. "The Iranians do not have enough power now for their factories which only operate between one-third and one-half capacity."

Planning Ministry official Masud Roghani-Zanjani, in a paper read to a conference earlier this month, said Iraqi attacks destroyed one-tenth of Iran's total electricity generating capacity in five years to 1986.

He said that by the end of that year so many buildings had been damaged that it would take more than a year for Iran's total residential building workforce to repair them.

Investment
Thirty per cent of new investment in farming was lost in the five years, he added.

Iraq repeatedly attacked Iran's vital oil sector in a bid to cripple its war effort, and the ministry official said 20 per cent of new investment here was wrecked.

"In this sector, not only has the equivalent investment in recent years been totally destroyed but a considerable percentage of the capital assets formed during past years has been damaged," he said.

Iran has been pumping an estimated 2.2 million barrels of oil a day to the world market against its OPEC quota of 2.369 million.

One Western diplomat estimated Iran's maximum output could touch 3.3 million barrels daily in peace. But Iran has said it wants to support prices by keeping output down.

Specialist
Dr Ali Shams Ardakani, an energy specialist and adviser to the Foreign Ministry, said after the ceasefire date was set. "In OPEC, the logic has to change if they want to maximise revenue. In future there will be increased understanding of the need to co-operate."

Iran's costs in getting oil to the market have already fallen. Insurance rates have dropped with the apparent end of the Gulf tanker war, and Tehran should soon be able to halt its costly oil shuttle down the Gulf.

Savings will be welcome. Tehran is reported to have built up some \$4 to \$5 billion in short term trade debt with Western banks.

Beijing tries to encourage investment

China to raise interest rates

BEIJING, Aug. 17. (AP): China announced yesterday it is raising its interest rates, which have remained at about the same level since the 1950s, to fight inflation, end panic buying and encourage investment.

A spokesman for the People's Bank of China made the announcement on the nationally televised evening news.

The spokesman said on Sept. 1, general loan rates would rise from 7.92 per cent to 9 per cent. However, in a break with the past, he said that when risks appear higher, the interest rates would increase.

Saving account interest rates will vary, he said. Rates on one-year accounts, for example, will go from 7.2 to 8.64 per cent while those on 10-year accounts will go up from 10.44 to 12.42 per cent.

Prices
"We are raising the interest rates to steady and increase bank accounts and to steady prices," the spokesman said.

The influential economic daily (Jingji Ribao) on Monday published a front-page editorial calling for such a raise.

The report said interest rates must increase to keep in step with inflation, the highest since Communist China was established in 1949, and to encourage investment, which is dropping off.

Since 1985, the newspaper

said, retail prices have soared 23.7 per cent, but interest rates are about the same as they were in the 1950s.

The report said the low interest rates and the high inflation rate have combined to cause panic buying throughout China.

It cited the case of a worker in Wuhan, a city in central China, who bought enough salt to last his family for 10 years. Another family from Changzhou in the Yangtze river valley "in one shot bought 500 kilograms (1,100 pounds) of rice," it said.

Credit
The report said the low interest rates and easy credit were also responsible for a run on bank loans by Chinese businesses.

"Since prices are climbing faster than interest rates are increasing," the People's Daily (Renmin Ribao) explained in May, "enterprises may get enough money by reselling commodities bought with loans to pay the interest and still earn profits."

In addition, the People's Daily said the high inflation rate and low interest rate had hurt investment because nobody wants to save.

By raising interest rates, China hopes to get people and companies not to spend money on food and consumer items but to channel it into production and investment, which is dropping off.

"All China's billion people

want to eat lean pork and drink beer. This not possible," Li Guixian, the new president of the People's Bank of China, said recently. "Our country is not up to that consumption level. The priority is housing, education and raising farm production."

Two Chinese sources on Monday said China would raise interest rates in about a month. They also said that to stave off growing discontent in the cities, the government will give its workers a large raise and link further pay increases to the inflation rate.

The sources said the proposals were made by liberal-minded reformers, allied with Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang.

They said the People's Bank of China, which made the announcement on Tuesday night, is close to Zhao.

The sources said Premier Li Peng, Vice Premier Yao Yilin and other conservatives have called for a complete freeze on reforms that are slowly opening the economy to market forces.

Both sources, who spoke on condition of not being identified, recently attended meetings of top government officials in the resort town of Bedaie, on the Bohai Sea.

They estimated the average worker's annual salary of 910 yuan (\$246) would increase between 8 per cent and 28 per cent.

Choice of Quayle fails to reassure Wall Street

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (Reuters): George Bush's choice of relatively unknown Indiana Senator Dan Quayle to be his running mate could lead to uncertainty to the Republican campaign effort and to financial markets, Wall Street analysts said today.

Unlike Michael Dukakis's vice presidential choice, Lloyd Bentsen, the youthful Quayle is not familiar to the business community. After the announcement, economists and analysts were scrambling to find out more about the Indiana conservative.

"Now the Republicans have a double job — explaining what Bush is up to and explaining who Quayle is," said Gary Ciminero of Fleet/Norstar Financial Group, in Providence, Rhode Island. "The continuous lead of Dukakis in the polls has disturbed the financial markets since spring."

Safest
Senator Robert Dole, as a fiscally conservative farmbelt leader, would have been the safest choice for Bush, analysts said, while Congressman Jack Kemp could have inspired conservative supply-side economists who were strong early supporters of Ronald Reagan.

"If you wanted to pick a dark horse, this is a dark horse," said Monte Gordon of Dreyfus Corp. "At first blush, it does not appear to add much strength to the

(Bush) ticket. At best it's a neutral. The stock market is probably going to have to sit back and ponder this one."

Peter Davis of Prudential-Bache Securities called Quayle "the golden boy" of the party, first elected to the Senate in 1980 at the age of 33.

His conservative credentials will give him a strong start in gaining the acceptance of the business community. But some say relatively non-partisan issues such as the budget and trade deficits will take centre stage in this campaign, instead of broader economic or ideological issues of the past.

Pragmatic
"The business community is looking for pragmatic approaches to these problems," said Robert Hormats of Goldman Sachs Co., an economist who held senior posts in recent Republican and Democratic administrations. "You can't say that just because someone is liberal or conservative they are going to be automatically acceptable to the business community."

The 67-year-old Bentsen, he said, was well known for his work on the Senate Finance Committee and for his role as a promoter of US export business. Hormats said the choice of Bentsen immediately bolstered Dukakis's standing on Wall Street.

Treasury bond prices drop

Further rise is expected for US rates

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. Corporate treasurers expect US interest rates to continue rising for the rest of the year and into 1989 without provoking a business downturn, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Despite the highest short-term rates since last October's stock market crash, the outlook is "very optimistic," says Wayland F. Blood, vice-president and treasurer at Detroit-based Ford Motor Credit Co., echoing the view of many of the biggest industrial companies in the US.

Many treasurers anticipated the Federal Reserve's increase in the discount rate to 6 1/2 per cent from 6 per cent last week and say it prompted no change in financing plans.

The Fed's decision to tighten credit by raising its lending fee to banks, however, caused rates on Treasury bills, bank certificates of deposit and commercial paper to spurt 0.2 percentage point in four days. The yield on the US government's most recently issued 30-year bond rose 0.3 per-

centage point last week to 9.43 per cent, its highest since Dec. 11, according to Merrill Lynch Capital Markets. Treasury bond prices fell as much as three points, or \$30 for each \$1,000 face amount.

Expectations

Even with expectations that short- and long-term rates could rise at least another half point, corporate financial officers are optimistic the expansion will continue for a seventh consecutive year.

"There's a lot of strength in the economy based on what's going over the counters at our restaurants," says Jack Greenberg, executive vice-president and chief financial officer at Oakbrook, Illinois-based McDonald's Corp. "The Fed's discount rate increase was expected and doesn't change any of our plans for expansion."

The Fed, of course, wants to keep the US economy growing, but not so fast that demand outstrips capacity — triggering an

inflationary boom and then a credit-wrenching bust. That's why it cited the threat of rising inflation when it raised the discount rate last week for only the third time in more than four years.

The Labour Department's report on Friday that US producer prices, excluding volatile food and energy components, rose 0.6 per cent last month, or double the 0.3 per cent increase in June, underscores the Fed's concern that inflation could surge out of control.

Capacity

"With the economy running out of spare capacity, there's a danger of inflation rising above 5 per cent to 6 per cent at annual rate," says George Eads, vice-president and chief economist at General Motors Corp., Detroit.

But many companies, including GM, don't appear to be as worried as the Fed about inflation. GM, which just announced 2.9 per cent price increases for its 1989 model autos, said the rise is less than it initially announced

for the 1988 model year. "This is a very competitive industry these days," Eads says.

A few financial officers are worried that the discount rate increase may signal a troubled period ahead for both the economy and financial markets.

Increase

In California, "the economy is booming, and we don't see any negative indicators," says Jack Jenkins-Stark, treasurer of Pacific Gas & Electric Co., San Francisco. "But I got a real dose of concern last week."

"What really surprised me was the market reaction to the Fed's increase in the discount rate," he adds. "If you view what the Fed did as anti-inflationary, why did the bond market fall apart and why did overseas stock markets also fall sharply?"

The market is either saying the Fed's action isn't anti-inflationary or that the Fed sees something bad about inflation ahead that we don't see. I think the market is usually correct."

World Business Summary

Nissan imports chips as 'boomerang' hits

TOKYO, Aug. 17. Japanese industry is beginning to run into cost problems, giving overseas manufacturers a long-delayed chance. An important symptom is the announcement from Nissan that it is to import micro-processors from America, replacing those bought from Hitachi, reports Daily Telegraph. Japanese manufacturers are starting to refer to the "boomerang effect" as their government is forced by international pressure to ease import barriers and let in a slowly rising tide of foreign-made goods. The Nissan statement that it will buy foreign-made micro-chips for the first time coincided with Sony's announcing it was to start making integrated circuits in Thailand for use in its electronic products. Nissan will buy from Intel and use the equipment in Leopard cars. Although Nissan refused to say if it had revoked the contract with Hitachi, a spokesman added: "It is our procurement policy to get the best product. Intel's product is first class and it has superior capacity to Hitachi's." American makers of micro-chips have been waging a battle with the Japanese government, alleging unfair tactics to keep them out of the Japanese market. The result was that, in the second quarter of this year, the American share of the Japanese semi-conductor market rose from 0.8 p.c. to 12.5 p.c. The Americans want to be allowed at least 20 p.c. of the market. Foreign cars are also making a little more progress in Japan, but, although the July figure was up by 17 p.c. on a year earlier it still amounted to only 11,226 cars. And much of that was due to Honda's shipping to Japan cars it had made in Ohio. The boomerang effect was also highlighted in "Japanese Trade & Industry," published by the Japanese Economic Foundation. Last year, 1.76m "compact" cameras were imported to Japan, mainly from South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong which learned the skill from Japanese tutors in production and design-technology sharing deals. "Cameras are not the only examples," it says. The Japanese market has "begun to overflow" with products from cheap-labour centres in the Far East, including Singapore. "The influx is reaching impressive volumes," it comments. Last year, imports of colour television sets rose 16-fold, video-cassette recorders imports went up nine-fold and imports of electric fans more than doubled at two million to take more than half the market. Price is one factor, but another is that rivals are finding niches missed by Japanese industry. These are often simple and cheap goods competing against much more sophisticated Japanese products.

Japanese move to help solve Latin America's debt problems

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 17. (UPI): Japan will lend its "maximum collaboration" to solve foreign debt problems in Latin America, Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno said yesterday. Uno, arriving in Mexico City on Monday night for a four-day official visit, is scheduled to hold several rounds of talks with Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda Amor and President Miguel de La Madrid on bilateral ties and Mexico's economic crisis, particularly its foreign debt. Uno's visit also coincides with the 100th anniversary celebration of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Uno told reporters that in meetings with Sepulveda and other officials during his visit, he will tackle solutions for Mexico's \$102 billion foreign debt problem. "Japan fully intends to lend its maximum collaboration in the belief that it is absolutely essential to solve the foreign debt problem, in accordance with international co-operation," Uno said. Mexico is the developing world's second-largest debtor nation, after Brazil, which has a foreign debt of \$120 billion. "We must also discuss the situation of the middle-income countries because they are very important to the world economy," Uno said at the Foreign Ministry. "Japan has proposed some concrete ideas to resolve the foreign debt crisis of medium- and small-income countries, such as Mexico." Uno also said Japan would accept Mexico as a member of the Pacific basin group of countries, "but it is very important to discuss the matter fully with all the members of the basin and other Asian countries." "Stronger relations with Mexico would lead to stronger relations not just between our two countries but between Asia and Latin America, through the Pacific Ocean," Uno said. "The treaty of friendship and trading between Mexico and Japan, which we are celebrating, has an invaluable significance for Japan, since the treaty was originally signed with the intention of restoring Japan's absolute sovereignty," Uno said. At the joint news conference, Sepulveda said that the growing co-operation between the two countries on the foreign debt problem and the opening of news credits, "are an example of the meaning and the potential of a relationship based in friendship and respect."

Bank profits above forecasts

LONDON, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Standard Chartered PLC, Britain's fifth biggest commercial bank, today reported profits for the first half of 1988 which showed a sharp turnaround from a loss in the same period last year. Pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 were £156 million (\$265 million) compared with a loss of £224 million (\$381 million) a year earlier. The results were above analysts' forecasts and the bank's shares jumped by 11 pence (18.7 cents) to £5.03 (\$8.55) on the London Stock Exchange. Standard Chartered was hit hard last year by Third World debt exposure. Brokers had been forecasting pre-tax profits for the half year at between £120 and £145 million (\$204 and \$246.5 million). In a statement accompanying the results, chairman Sir Peter Graham said the first-half performance showed that Standard Chartered's rehabilitation as a major multinational banking group was well under way. "I firmly believe that the measures taken to improve performance will ensure that this process continues in the future," he said. He said the group enjoyed reasonably good trading conditions, particularly in Britain and its Asia-Pacific region. But Graham said Standard Chartered needed to improve its capital base, particularly its equity to assets ratio. "In addition to profit retentions, as already indicated consideration will be given to calling on shareholders for capital at an appropriate time," he said.

Standard and Chartered earlier this year said it was planning a rights issue which brokers thought might be around £300 million (\$510 million). The statement said the bank's short-term priority continues to be the repair and strengthening of group capital ratios which were damaged by hefty Third World debt provisions in 1987. In the half-year under review, it made a charge of £57 million (\$97 million) against £103 million (\$175 million) for the same period of 1987.

OPEC technical experts to meet

VIENNA, Aug. 17. (OPECNA): Technical experts from OPEC member countries are scheduled to meet at the OPEC secretariat here on October 10 to tackle the issue of technical definitions, according to an official source. They would be expected to finalise work on definition of terms including condensates and natural gas liquids. The experts who last met here in June prepared a report for the 83rd meeting of the OPEC conference which took place later in the month. Having considered their report, the conference decided that the committee should continue its work and submit recommendations and proposals to the next meeting of the conference taking place on November 21.

OPEC secretary-general Dr Subroto noted during an interview with OPECNA last month that the experts had held "extensive discussions," adding that the need was now to get them together again as a prelude to discussing with OPEC oil ministers.

Meanwhile Subroto said that he would discuss the issue of production levels for Iran and Iraq as part of the output ceiling of the organisation during visits to the two countries later this month. He told a press conference in Caracas on Monday that discussions with the two OPEC countries would be aimed at enhancing oil price.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 18-19, 1988

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	219.0
ABBEY LIFE	323/2	JAGUAR	277/0
ADT LTD	139/0	LADBROKE	450/0
ALD LYONS	426/0	LAND SECS	569/0
AMSTRAD	219/0	LAPORTE	413.0
ARGENT GP	185/0	LASHO	430/0
ASDA GP	154/0	LEGAL-GEN	322/0
BAA	270/0	LONRHO	39.76
BAT INDS	278/0	LUCAS IND	535/0
BARCLAYS	408.0	MAGNET	238.0
BASS	772.0	MARKS-SP	165/0
BEAZER	177/0	MAXWELL C	208/0
BEECHAMS	475/0	METAL BOX	235/0
BELFORD	384/0	MEPC	536.0
BICC PLC	353.0	MIDLAND BK	413/0
BLUE ARW	94.0	NEXT	234.0
BLUE CIRC	455/0	NTH FOODS	283/0
BUC GP	409/0	P & O DFD	587.0
BOOTS CO	226/0	PEARSON	753/0
BPB INDS	284.0	PILKINGTON	13.78
BR COIN	242.0	PLESSEY	160.0
BR AIRWAY	160.0	POLY PEC	319/0
BR AEROSP	505.0	RACAL	317/4
BR GAS RG	184.0	RANK HVS	451/0
BR GAS RT	342/0	RANK ORG	713.0
B.P.	247/0	RCKITT+CO	927/0
B.P.-NEW	52/4	REDLAND	420/0
BURMAN OL	527/0	RNC GRP	475/0
BURTON	223/0	REUTERS	475/0
CABLESWIR	380/0	RTZ CORP.	427/0
CADBURYS	383/0	ROLLS ROY	136.0
COATS VYI	23.0	ROTHMAN B	423.0
COMI UNI	360/0	ROYAL INS	393/0
CONS GOLD	995.0	SAATCHI	360/0
COOKSON	258/0	SAINSBURY	217.0
COURTAULD	342.0	SCOT-NEW	381.0
DALGETY	335/0	SEARS	140/0
DEE CP	173/0	SEDEGWICK	230/0
DIXONS	178/0	SHELL	335/0
ENIG CHINA	57.45	SIEBE	383.0
ENTER OIL	475/4	SLOUGH ES	302.0
FKI BACK	128/4	STD. CHART	509.0
FERRANTI	94/0	STC	279.0
GEN ACCIO	903.5	STOREN	232/0
GEN ELEC	159.0	SWALLA	969/0
GLAXO	958.0	TARNAK	238.0
GRANDR	303/0	TATELEYLE	845.0
GUARD RYL	188.0	TYLOR WOOD	549.0
GKN	325.0	TESCO	148.0
GUINNESS	320.0	TIB	107/0
HARRISON	615/0	T + N	179/0
HARRISON C	636/0	TRUTHSEE	256/0
HILLSDOWN	284.0	ULTRAMAR	272/0
ICI	016.0	UNILEVER	457/0
IMI	202/0	UNIGATE	309.0
		UTD BISC	291/0
		UTD WNSP	423.0
		WELDON	505.5
		WINTROB IN	302/0
		WILLIAMS	295.0
		WILLIS FB	252.0
		WIMPEY GE	233.0
		WOOLWORTH	280.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN	BORTHICK	66/0	66/0
1ST CHARL	12/0	12/0	BOWATER	419/0	420/0
2ND ALLICE	743/0	742/0	BR DREGG	144/0	144/0
600 GROUP	111/0	113/4	BR VITA	232/0	232/0
A B PORTS	530/0	530/0	BRAMMER	252/0	251/0
A.B.ELECT	429/0	428/0	BRENT CHE	150/0	151/0
AAB KENT	85/0	85/0	BRENT WKR	387/0	388/0
AAH HDL	272/0	273/0	BRITANNIC	344/0	344/0
AARLHSON	118/0	118/0	BRIXTON E	333/0	334/0
ADDISON	38/0	37/0	BULMER HP	171/0	170/0
ADOMEST	349/0	350/0	CALOR GRP	393/0	395/0
ALEX WRKW	169/0	168/0	CAMB ELEC	251/0	251/0
ALEXON	377/0	380/0	CAMB INST	56/0	57/0
ALLD COLL	128/0	128/0	CANFORD E	176/0	177/0
ALLD IR	249/0	250/0	CANMING W	220/0	220/0
ALLD LND	126/0	126/0	CANON ST	320/0	321/0
ALLD PLNT	59/0	60/0	CAP GRP	298/0	297/0
ALLIANCE	831/0	832/0	CAP.RADIO	290/0	297/0
AMEC	377/0	378/0	CARLO EN	161/0	161/0
AMER TRST	124/4	125/0	CARLESS C	106/4	108/0
AMERSHAM	609/0	609/0	CARLYON C	740/0	738/0
ANI HLTHC	252/0	253/0	CASE GRP	23/0	23.00
ANGLIA TV	179/0	179/0	CATER ALL	354/0	353/0
ANGLO S/O	205/0	206/0	CAULDON	12/4	12/0
ANSCHACER	89/0	88/0	CHAM PHPP	166/0	164/0
APPLEYARD	489/0	488/0	CHARTERTRA	23/2	23/4
APPLINT	124/0	125/0	CHAS CHUR	113/0	114/0
APPL PLC	117/0	117/0	CHLORIDE	57/0	57/0
AQUAS.A.	80/0	81/0	CHRISTIES	530/0	532/0
ARAN ENGY	80/0	70/0	CI GROUP	47/0	47/0
ARCHER AJ	141/0	141/0	CLYDE PET	122/0	123/0
ARLINGTON	173/0	174/0	CNTRL.SEC	56/0	57/0
ARMSTRONG	123/0	123/0	CNTRY OIL	173/0	174/0
ASB NEWS	528/0	528/0	COATES BR	327/0	328/0
ASTRA HLD	32/4	32/4	COBURN A	486/0	486/0
ATLNTIC CH	494/0	493/0	COLLINS W	573/0	573/0
ATTWOODS	280/0	280/0	COLLOROLL	188/0	188/0
AUS REE A	283/0	283/0	CONNELLS	305/0	303/0
AUST REED	378/0	377/0	COSTAIN	312/0	311/0
AUTO SECS	265.0	265.0	COURTS FR	415/0	415/0
AVON RUBB	733/0	733/0	COLE (T)	127/0	126/0
B.VENHILL	182/0	183/0	CNR N1C	213/0	215/0
BELL SHI	142/0	143/0	CRH	131/0	133/0
BELLEV (V)	267/0	267/0	CRODA INT	203/0	204/0
BANK IRE	234/0	232/0	CRYSTALANT	155/0	156/0
BANKER IT	71/0	71/0	DARES EST	32/4	33/0
BARKER DO	141/0	141/0	DAMSON IN	221/0	223/0
BARRY DEW	177/0	176/0	DE LA RUE	470/0	470/0
BAYES C.	30/0	30/0	DELTA GRP	305/0	305/0
BBAR GROUP	175/0	175/0	DEVENISH	343/0	343/0
BGA G.WT	3/4	3/4	DOLPHAN	64/0	63/0
BEL BRND	9/0	9/4	DYFODD	264/0	262/0
BELHAY	65/0	66/0	DEKENS HW	80/0	80/0
BELLWAY	232/0	231/0	DOLTY GRP	210.0	209.0
BENROSE	219/0	218/0	DRAYTON C	445/0	445/0
BENLOX HD	49/0	50/0	DRG	459/0	461/0
BENTALLS	190/0	190/0	DUNDEE LD	295/0	295/0
BIRNAD NINT	182/0	183/0	DUNWILL	211/0	212/0
BIRMOH OL	508/0	408/0	EDGIE TST	15/2	15/0
BIRMOH SCD	36/0	36/0	EAM I.T.	147/0	148/0
BLOCK BLK E	14/6	15/0	ELLIS EVA	190/0	190/0
BUNNETT.F	7/0	7/0	ELLIS GOL	143.5	144.0

NEW YORK

BSCHS HIL	270/0	370/0	RYOTOK	173/0	174/0
MBERS LTD	345/0	244/0	RUBEROIST	257/0	257/0
BOGG ST	179/0	179/0	RUBGY GRP	130/0	130/0
QULES PR	113/0	113/0	S.B.G. SUP	137/0	135/0
OPPKINSON	97/0	98/0	SAGA GRP	236/0	236/0
SHS GMS	189/0	190/0	SALVESEN	174/0	174/0
TV GROUP	225/0	225/0	SAVILLE G	54/0	55/0
STOCK J	189/0	188/0	SCOT HERT	197/0	197/0
CE.NZ.FD	355/0	356/0	SCOT T.T.	125/4	125/0
WRY M.D	400/0	402/0	SCOT TET	134/0	134/0
NDPNOT	49/4	50/0	SCOT NORT	99/0	99/0
NDPNOT W	13/0	13/0	SCOT TV	365/0	363/0
UT.BU.CH	127/0	126/0	SET NAT C	29/0	29/0
UT.WT.CITY	132/0	132/0	SET NAT I	92/0	92/0
UV.CAP.	334/0	333/0	SET NAT W	6/0	6/0
INVERCORP	295/0	294/0	SECS ST	103/4	104/0
ALMAN.NATH	334/0	334/0	SELECT AS	76/0	75/0
ALANAZAM	53/4	53/0	SHERATON S	81/0	81/0
ALON P	36/4	36/4	SIMON ENG	290/0	291/0
TELT ENGY	51/0	51/0	SINGER&R	83/0	84/0
ETSTON	81/0	81/0	SMITH D	347/0	345/0
BLUNT BEN	350/0	382/0	SMITH W-B	57/4	58/0
MIK-SEE	364/0	365/0	SMURFIT J	439/0	440/0
MIT-FIT	107/0	108/0	SOUND DIF	33/0	34/0
AINING 'A'	305/0	305/0	SOV.OH-GAS	155/0	155/0
AINING OR	305/0	305/0	SPONG HLD	13/4	13/4
AINING PRP	535/0	535/0	SPRING RAM	202/0	202/0
AIRO P	259/0	260/0	SPRX-SARC	187/0	188/0
AMANTO HS	174/0	313/0	ST.ANDREW	181/0	181/0
AMSON OPS	315/0	175/0	STAKIS	100/0	100/0
AMURANCE-W	167/0	167/0	STEETLY N	325/0	326/0
AND & N&N	280/0	279/0	STERN PD	168/0	168/0
AND & NET	180/0	180/0	STVLN IND	290/0	290/0
AND INTL	260/0	261/0	T-TEES VY	179/0	300/0
AND SHOP	242/0	242/0	T-TEES VY	27/0	27/0
AND INTR	244/0	152/0	TELETRX	235/0	235/0
AND ONT	233/0	233/0	TELETRNS	235/0	235/0
AND FEIN INT	396/0	396/0	TEMPLE BA	215/0	216/0
AND SEC	55/0	55/0	THAMES TV	356/0	355/0
AND FISC	55/0	55/0	THROGHTN	403/0	403/0
AND FJ	54/4	54/4	TI GROUP	344/0	345/0
AND ITT	29/0	29/0	TIE RACK	109/0	110/0
AND COM LDM	508/0	510/0	TIME PROD	222/0	221/0
AND (AM)	630/0	630/0	TKINCS F	232/0	232/0
AND W HIRD	411/0	413/0	TOZER K&H	101/0	102/0
AND-SONER	214/0	213/0	TR CITY	73/0	73/0
AND IT HLD	161/0	159/0	TR INDUST	117/0	117/0
AND C.PAC	178/0	180/0	TR PACIFIC	61/0	61/0
AND-T.N.PLC	144/0	145/0	TR TRSTEE	124/0	125/0
AND.CARTN	229/0	229/0	TRANWOOD	19/2	19/4
AND J	96/0	96/0	TRAVIS&SA	359/0	358/0
ANDIE I	20/0	20/0	TRINOCO	45/0	45/0
ANDERS	190/0	200/0	TRINCOX	185/0	184/0
AND	166/0	170/0	TRINOW W	210/0	210/0
ANDMARSHALL	240/0	246/0	TRSPRT.DV	63/0	63/0
ANDSTON T	153/0	153/0	TURRIFF	334/0	333/0
AND ATTENHOS	80/0	80/0	TV SV HLD	63/4	62/0
ANDCALPINE	425/0	425/0	TYNDALL	135/0	135/0
ANDCARTY	424/0	426/0	U-BORLAND	107/0	107/0
ANDCECHNIE	324/0	325/0	U-BRD ST	44/0	44/0
ANDENEC	249/0	250/0	U-BROADVY	188/0	190/0
ANDZENES J	344/0	345/0	U-CITYTVSN	78/0	78/0
ANDERCH.TS	148/0	148/0	U-CLUFF	102/0	103/0

BUSINESS

UK shares quietly mixed

Dollar shrugs off bank intervention

LONDON, Aug. 17, (Reuters): The dollar rose sharply in world currency markets today despite intervention by the US Federal Reserve and the West German Bundesbank to try to cool its rally.

The US currency, which had faltered briefly on Tuesday because of poor American trade figures for June, ended in London nearly four pence and one yen up on Tuesday's close at 1.90 West German marks and 133.92 yen. It touched a high in European trading of 1.9155 marks and 134.10 yen.

Its surge today was powered mainly by expectations that strong demand in the US economy and rapid growth would force further domestic interest rate increases, dealers said.

Rebound

"I did expect some rebound from yesterday's lows but not this much," said a senior dealer at a large German bank. "This just shows how strong dollar sentiment and how unwilling dealers are to let any negative factors alter their view."

Dealers said the possibility of higher US interest rates in coming months — the Fed pushed the discount rate up half a percentage point last week to 6.5 per cent — seemed to outweigh the US June trade gap of \$12.54 billion and a record import bill of \$39.5 billion that month.

Cause

Frankfurt dealers said that concerted dollar sales by the West German and US central banks had rescued the ailing mark. It was the Bundesbank's first intervention since August 8.

Dealers said the Bundesbank

has good cause to worry about protracted weakness in the mark as this could import inflation into Germany at a time of rampant domestic money supply growth.

The perception, at least in the US was that the Fed's heart really was not in (intervention) and it was only acting out of G-7 solidarity with the Bundesbank, said one US bank dealer in Frankfurt.

The dollar last week hit a 19-month high above 1.92 marks but subsequently eased on worries that it may be overvalued against other currencies.

A strong dollar could be a double-edged sword for the US authorities, economists said.

If the dollar's bull run persists, it could seriously undermine a three-year campaign by the Group of Seven industrialised nations to help reduce the US trade deficit, which is still large and contributing to a high current account deficit.

Efforts

But, in the short term, a higher dollar could help the Fed restrain growing inflation and aid the Reagan administration in its efforts to build confidence in the US economy and investments ahead of the November presidential election.

On Wall Street the Dow Jones industrial average was up 11.21 points at 2,032.72 at 11 a.m., extending Tuesday's 17.24-point advance. But by midday the Dow was off 5.33 at 2,016.18.

Blue chips had pulled back as light buying interest dried up, brokers said. Analysts said the earlier gain was due to a rise in US bond prices. They said bonds

rose with the dollar.

Earlier Tokyo stocks rallied on Wall Street's positive response to the trade report. The Nikkei 225-share average finished up 282.31 points at 28,178.86 after hardly moving on Tuesday.

In London, gold, reflecting the dollar's strength, was fixed in London this afternoon at \$429 an ounce, down \$3.65 on the same setting on Tuesday and three dollars on Tuesday's close.

In London, shares were mixed in relatively low volume with the steady early performance on Wall Street today doing little to enliven proceedings. One dealer said, "a lot of people are keeping their heads down in front of the (UK July) money supply and bank lending figures tomorrow."

These are expected to show a substantial bulge and add further to the market's current jitter about higher domestic interest rates. Overseas rate hikes are also feared.

By 1423 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 2.7 points to 1,828. The index drifted lower early on for lack of interest despite overnight advances in Tokyo and on Wall Street.

Pressure

Much of the market's apathy this morning could be attributed to reluctance to act ahead of Wall Street's opening today. Yesterday's advance on Wall Street, despite the larger than expected US June trade deficit, was seen as fragile and mistrusted by investors here, dealers said.

The market is braced for a record gain in sterling M4 lending of as much as £10 billion. This

could fuel worries over increased inflationary pressure, which were raised by Monday's news of a surge in UK July retail sales.

Many see pressure for base rates to rise to 12 per cent soon but resistance from the UK banking authorities is anticipated.

Even greater upward pressure could be exerted on 11 per cent UK base rates next week when Britain's balance of payments data for July are announced.

These are expected to show a bulge in car imports, reflecting the surge of buying for the August 1 start to the new registration year for motor vehicles.

Yesterday's US trade figure news caused some speculation that US interest rates might have to go up again after the recent half point hike in the Federal Reserve's discount rate.

Strength

The dollar's strength, despite intervention against the currency by the Bundesbank and Fed, helped defuse some speculation that US interest rates would rise near term.

The dollar's performance after the intervention helped push Wall Street to a double figure Dow Jones industrial average gain, which in turn lifted the FTSE 100 index. By 1500 GMT the FTSE was up 6.6 points to its high on the day of 1,831.9.

Among the main companies announcing results today banking group Standard Chartered rose 15p to 507. The group's first half pre-tax profit was £156 million compared to a £224 million loss in the same 1987 period. The dividend was unchanged at 12.5p.

Banking analysts said Stan-

dard's restructuring programme was reflected in the results and the bank is back on course after a period of poor performance.

W.H. Smith announced a rise in full year pre-tax profit to £70.57 million from £63.85 million previously and the shares firmed a penny to 271. The company made the profit increase despite a fall in profit from its UK wholesaling and book distribution businesses.

Earlier today W.H. Smith said it had agreed to sell its 50 per cent stake in Book Club Associates to co-owner Bertelsmann of West Germany for £60 million. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission had blocked the sale of the BCA stake last January.

Other issues in the stores sector saw Storehouse fall 4p to 234 after a broker downgraded its profits estimate.

Broker Smith New Court reduced its estimate for the group's pre-tax profit to £120 million from 130 million in the year to April 1989 following an analysts' meeting with the company. Storehouse showed profits of £121 million in the comparable 1988 period.

Firm

Bat was 7p firmer at 431 after bid target Farmers Group of the US said it has agreed to meet the company to discuss its merger proposals. Bat last week raised its offer to \$72 per share, conditional upon Farmer's recommendation.

Reuters shares were up 12p to 477 but dealers said the shares were recovering after a similar fall yesterday. The strength of the dollar also aided the shares, dealers said.

Iran may change monetary policy

Renewed bustle seen in exchange market

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S money exchange market is buzzing with activity, and some money dealers have likened the bustle to the Souq Al Manakh's frantic trading in early 1980s, with the Lebanese pound, Iraqi dinar and Iranian toman changing hands at a remarkable speed.

The three currencies have seen a rise in value in reaction to the news of the Gulf war peace negotiations and presidential elections in Lebanon.

Dealers were surprised by a sudden rise of the Lebanese pound which yesterday reached KD1,000 for one million pounds, up from KD 800 two

weeks ago. The pound was up because of a general belief that today's elections in Lebanon will strengthen the country's currency, according to dealers.

Edging

The Iraqi dinar has been edging its way up ever since Iran announced its acceptance of the UN ceasefire resolution on July 18. Yesterday, dealers quoted the Iraqi dinar at KD 0.395, up from KD 0.115 on July 17.

The Iranian toman rose sharply after July 18 from KD 2 to KD12 per 1,000 toman. This compelled dealers to bring in more of the Iranian currency from Dubai, but the excess liquidity pushed the rate down to KD7.5.

Brisk trading is continuing with dealers vying to drive customers out of their shops at closing time, which has now been extended to 9:30 pm. Money dealers point out that it is individuals rather than companies that are trading in currencies.

Some swift-footers have made a killing in the days following Iran's acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 598, said Hakim Raswala of Al Kazemi Exchange.

Rise

He predicted that the market rate of exchange for the Iraqi dinar will eventually catch up with the official rate. The official rate of exchange for Iraqi dinar is KD0.720, slightly lower than its

before-the-war market value of about KD0.800.

Dealer Salah Afif foresaw a further rise in the cash value of Iraqi dinar to KD 0.600 after Saturday when the ceasefire in the Gulf war is due to take effect.

Fluctuations in currency rates are expected by most dealers before the final peace agreement is signed by Iraq and Iran.

This may take more than a year, said Ahmed Saleh of Al Zamel and Al Abdelli exchange office. Although he expects the Iraqi dinar to rise in value, he warned that free spending in the post-war period may cause a drop in the Iraqi dinar exchange rate.

"Many Iraqis will travel on

business and as tourists and this may affect the currency rate," he said.

Iran, on the other hand, is a more closed society and its currency could show more stability, he added.

Fears that Iran may introduce changes in its monetary policy have stopped some individuals from trading in the Iranian rial.

Iraq imposed strict currency restrictions at the beginning of the war precluding an outflow or influx of Iraqi dinars.

But dealers in Kuwait are not short of Iraqi dinars. Their supplies of Iraqi currency come from other countries such as Switzerland, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Mexican oil prices down in Far East, up in Europe

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 17, (AP): Mexican oil prices fell in the western hemisphere and the Far East markets in July but increased slightly in Europe, the state-owned oil monopoly Pemex said.

In the Americas, light Isthmus crude sold for \$13.78 a barrel and the heavy Maya grade for \$11.21 a barrel, down from \$14.81 and \$11.96 a barrel respectively in June, Pemex said.

The new extra-light Olmec crude averaged \$14.98 a barrel in the region, down from \$15.56 in June, Pemex said.

Prices for Far East clients for July averaged \$13.35 a barrel for Isthmus and \$10.50 a barrel for Maya, down from \$14.10 and \$11.40, it said.

In Europe, the July price for Isthmus was up to \$14.03 a barrel from \$13.34 in June. Maya rose to \$10.98 a barrel from \$10.54.

Products

Mexico exported 1.35 million barrels a day of crude in July and 31,000 barrels a day of petroleum products, Pemex said.

The United States is Mexico's biggest oil client, followed by Spain and Japan. In July, the United States bought 52 per cent of the exports; Spain 16 per cent, and Japan, 14 per cent, Pemex said.

Before world oil prices plunged, Mexico's export platform was 1.5 million barrels a day.

The statement noted that while world prices continued to fall, the decline was less than it was in June.

Egypt cuts oil prices

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 17, (AP): Egypt today decreased its oil export prices by 90 cents a barrel for all grades for the second half of August, a senior Oil Ministry official said.

The official, who declined to be named, said the price of the top-grade Gulf of Suez had been decreased to \$13.25 a barrel. He said that the new price for Beladim was \$12.40 a barrel; Ras Badran, \$11.25 a barrel and Ras Ghareb, \$10.95 a barrel.

GATT chief issues warning on trade imbalances

GENEVA, Aug. 17, (Reuters): Trade imbalances between the United States and West Germany and Japan were still damaging global commercial relations and spurring protectionist sentiments, GATT director-general Arthur Dunkel said today.

Reporting on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade's activities last year, Dunkel also noted that GATT economists were estimating that world trade should expand by five per cent in 1988, the same rate as the year under review.

Pressures

"Nevertheless, if trade growth was, in general, impressive, trade imbalances continued to underline many of the most worrying tensions in international commercial relations," he said.

"Those relating to Japan, the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany led to intense protectionist pressures in the United States and elsewhere,

and helped to feed exchange rate instabilities and other market uncertainties."

The US on Tuesday announced its trade deficit had widened to a seasonally adjusted \$12.54 billion in June from a revised \$9.76 billion in May.

Japan and West Germany are running huge trade surpluses, due in part to the dollar's weakness in recent years.

Dunkel said in his report that 16 bilateral trade rows had been brought to the ruling GATT council last year for a decision by a dispute settlement panel, the most since GATT was founded 40 years ago.

Panelists ruled that a US super-fund tax on imported petroleum and a US Customs' user fee as well as Canada's marketing of imported alcoholic beverages broke GATT rules.

Several Japanese trade practices were knocked down by GATT panels, including its duties and labelling practices on imported alcoholic beverages.

and import restrictions on 10 farm goods.

A panel upheld a complaint by the European Economic Community against a US-Japan semiconductor deal, saying it contravened free trade rules by limiting access to Japan's market.

Dunkel called this recourse to a multilateral settlement during a time of rising trade tensions encouraging.

He also saw no conflict bet-

ween the GATT multilateral regime and bilateral trade arrangements, such as the US-Canadian free-trade agreement and the single EEC market planned from 1992.

"The two can be entirely complementary with beneficial results for international trade, so long as the terms of free-trade areas and customs unions are consistent with the criteria laid down in the general agreement," Dunkel said.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug. 17, (Reuters): Prices held on to earlier gains to close firm. Negative sentiment from lower gold prices and the higher than expected US June trade deficit had evaporated by the close. The All Ordinaries index was up 7.6 to 1,607.8.

TOKYO: Prices closed higher in robust trading as investors reacted positively to the calm response of world markets following the US trade data. The Nikkei index rose 282.31 to 28,178.86.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed slightly higher, with trading mainly focused on blue chips. The Hang Seng index was up 5.3 to 2,594.66.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed marginally lower on a lack of follow-through buying support and selective profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index fell 0.61 to 1,120.27.

BOMBAY: Share prices rose sharply across the board on heavy buying by state-owned financial institutions.

FRANKFURT: Shares climbed across the board in livelier trading, boosted by strong company results and gains on Wall Street overnight and in Tokyo. The Dax index rose 23.42 to 1,182.18.

ZURICH: Prices closed higher across the board in moderate trading after a positive trend on Wall Street and in Tokyo. The All-Share Swiss index rose 13.6 to 891.9.

PARIS: Prices opened the main floor session higher in quiet trading, but with no real trends emerging to give the market fresh direction.

LONDON: Shares were mixed in relatively low volume, with the

steady early performance on Wall Street doing little to enliven proceedings. At 1423 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 2.7 points to 1,828.

NEW YORK: Stocks were narrowly higher in mid-morning, as they had been since the opening. Trading was thin. The Dow was up five to 2,027.

Oil prices drift lower in sluggish trade

LONDON, Aug. 17, (Reuters): Crude oil prices in European spot markets lost up to 10 cents in lacklustre trade today on signs of good supply and little refiner interest, traders said.

Most interest focused on regional supply and demand factors, in the absence of any market-moving news.

Traders said good supply from the North Sea and the Middle East was weighing on market sentiment, while European refiners were holding back on purchases in expectation of lower prices.

Inventories

The small losses today followed short-lived gains late in the United States on Tuesday, after the release of weekly stocks data by the American Petroleum Institute (API).

The figures showed an unexpected 3.6 million barrel draw down in US crude stocks, but this was partially balanced by build-ups in both distillate and gasoline inventories. European traders said today the data was broadly neutral.

Donors tie new funds for Tanzania to IMF agreement

DAR ES SALAAM, Aug. 17, (Reuters): Western donors pledged \$800 million last month to help Tanzania but are withholding the money until the government accepts a new agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Government officials and diplomats say the main obstacle in the country's negotiations on a new IMF loan accord is the fund's demand for a hefty devaluation.

The IMF says devaluation would keep exports competitive and encourage import substitution.

But officials say Tanzania is reluctant to resume the creeping devaluation it halted in February because it would fuel inflation.

Thorny

Devaluation is a very thorny issue, very central in our current talks with the IMF. Before we go further with more of it we must take sure we have our calculations right," a senior government economist told Reuters.

The general feeling is that IMF is being unfair in demanding a further devaluation of our currency. Rather than destroy our economy, they should work

towards its success so that they can have a success story to tell the world.

The Tanzanian shilling, 17 to the dollar back in 1985, has been held at around 97 since February and officials said the government had resisted IMF pressure to let it slip to 150.

"We do not want to throw our economy out of gear by taking decisions based on external pressures and factors, while ignoring local conditions in which our people live," said an official close to President Ali Hassan Mwinyi.

Western governments pledged \$800 million of fresh aid for the 1988-89 (July-June) financial year at a meeting in Paris in July. "We would like to disburse the money as soon as possible, but the bulk of it is tied to an IMF programme," one European ambassador said.

Tanzania's last IMF agreement ended in February and an IMF team visited Dar Es Salaam in May to discuss fresh funding linked to economic reforms.

Western donors are pleased with results so far from three years of economic reform and sympathise with the government's dilemma over devaluation.

They are doing very well and for an economy that was in such bad shape you cannot change things overnight," the Western ambassador said.

Growth

Tanzania's economy, measured by gross domestic product, grew four per cent last year after 3.8 per cent in 1986, according to official estimates, and similar growth is expected in 1988.

The government has loosened controls on foreign trade and boosted sharply the prices paid to farmers.

It has received large sums of foreign aid to support these reforms and farm and industrial production are recovering from a 10-year slump.

Officials predict Tanzania will produce over nine million tonnes of food in 1988-89, against 8.2 million for the second year running.

Diplomats said donors estimate Tanzania's needs for foreign aid at \$1.7 billion in 1988-89 and \$1.4 billion the next year.

But reluctance to devalue is blocking the assistance it needs to finance imports and reschedule its \$4 billion external debt.

Angola's growing oil industry to boost production, exploration

LUANDA, Aug. 17, (Reuters): Angola's oil industry, healthy and growing despite more than a decade of war, aims to boost production to half a million barrels per day by the end of the decade, a senior industry official said today.

Candido Cardoso, assistant director-general of the state oil company Sonangol, told Reuters that the government, with the help of foreign oil firms, was stepping up exploration and development in rich offshore and onshore oil zones.

"We must make the discoveries now to guarantee the future," he said.

Target

Cardoso said that once Angola reached the 500,000 BPD end-of-decade target, it would try to maintain production steady at this level.

"It is perfectly within our reach ... the idea would be to maintain as stable a production as possible for as long as possible," he said.

Angola's oil production, some 70 per cent of which comes from the northern enclave of Cabinda, has risen steadily to 358,000 BPD in 1987 from 282,000 BPD in 1986 and 172,000 in 1977. Output by the end of 1988 is targeted to reach around 450,000 BPD.

Oil has been the mainstay of the economy since the country

became independent from Portugal in 1975.

While war with Unita guerrillas and their South African allies has badly hit other sectors such as diamond mining and coffee farming the oil industry has remained largely unaffected. Installations are protected by Angolan and Cuban troops.

And despite price fluctuations on the world market, international companies are queuing up to share in Angola's oil concessions which are divided into 13 offshore blocks, plus Cabinda and the increasingly attractive onshore areas.

"We have managed to keep up the interest even in the most difficult periods," Cardoso said.

Cabinda and the northern blocks 2 and 3 are in production while blocks 1, 4 and 5 are under exploration. The government is continuing to allocate unoccupied blocks for exploration.

Exploration

The allocation of block 6 off Porto Amboim has now been finalised. France's total will lead exploration and development with Belgium's Petrofina and Britain's Britoil as partners.

"The indications are that it is an interesting block," Cardoso said, citing seismic surveys.

Exploration is also to restart in block 6 off Luanda, with the US

firm Conoco leading an operating group comprising total of France and two other US companies, Unocal and Citizen Energy.

An invitation for offers to explore block 7 off Sumbe brought a massive response and proposals are being studied, Cardoso said.

Proposals

Proposals are also being considered for the central part of Cabinda's onshore area, which has not been seriously explored since the late 1960s. Spain's Repsol and Britain's Britoil are among the leading contenders.

Cabinda's northern onshore section is also being opened for exploration. "We think the onshore area has great potential," Cardoso said.

Angola does not belong to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), the international oil organisation, but is a leading member of the African Petroleum Producers Association (APPA).

Cardoso said Angola believed in co-operation among non-OPEC producers and between them and OPEC. "We believe that we can influence the OPEC nations to take decisions that can be useful to us all," he said.

He added Angola would like to see oil prices stabilised at around \$18 a barrel.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Tender No. 4191/8 — Supply of cables and cable clamps — KNPC

The CTC draws the attention of all tenderers already obtained the above tender documents that the closing date of the tender is Tuesday, 6.9.1988 and not as erroneously stated in the English Tender Schedule.

Tender No. A840/C — modernisation of fixed firefighting systems for a petroleum products tanks — KNPC

The CTC draws the attention of all concerned that the closing date of the above tender is postponed from Tuesday, 18/8/1988 to Sunday 18/9/1988.

Tender No. N212/18 — Heat exchangers (bridge lock type) — KNPC

Further to the notice published in the official Gazette Issue No. 1781 dated 17.7.1988, the CTC hereby includes M/s North-Hydro Gulf Trdg Co. — agents of Hyundai Corporation Seoul — in the list of companies qualified to take part in the above tender.

Kuwait National Petroleum Co. Bidding No. 4420/8 — Supply of welding machines

The K.N.P.C., Shuaiba Refinery Dept. invites the above bidding in conformity with the general and special conditions stated in the bidding documents which can be obtained from the Higher Committee for Purchases & Projects at the company Headquarters during office hours against a non-refundable fee of KD 5/-.

The closing date for submitting offers shall be 12.00 noon, Monday, 26.9.88. Offers shall be addressed to the Chairman & Managing Director, K.N.P.C., P.O. Box 70, 13001 Kuwait and deposited in the company Tender Box at the Headquarters before the closing date.

Offers shall be valid for 90 days as of the date of opening the envelopes. Initial guarantee shall be 2-1/2% of the offer value to be valid throughout the offer validity period.

Bidding No. 4346/8 — Supply of finned pipes and U pipes

The K.N.P.C., Shuaiba Refinery Dept. invites the above bidding in conformity with the general and special conditions stated in the bidding documents which can be obtained from the Higher Committee for Purchases & Projects at the company Headquarters during office hours against a non-refundable

Dear Junior Readers,

Smoking is a stupid habit if ever there was one, yet we hear of more and more young people taking it up. Ask people why they smoke and they are usually stuck for a convincing answer — about all they can come up with is that smoking helps them to feel relaxed. Most, however, choose to forget that it is expensive, dirty and dangerous to themselves and others. There are some people who realise the foolishness of what they are doing, but the big trouble is that once they start, it is extremely difficult for most people to give up and try as they might, they cannot go for very long without cigarettes.

The best way to avoid the problems of smoking is to avoid smoking itself. Do not be encouraged to smoke by friends and do not get the idea into your head that smoking is 'big' and that you have to do it to be 'in with the in crowd.' Neither should think that you are not doing wrong to follow the example of your parents if they happen to smoke.

For the sake of your health and your pocket, don't get hooked.

Auntie Joanne

After all you've been told about what not to do, here comes Eugene Roche-Mohiuddin with some ideas for a super-lazy Friday. Well, I guess if it's only once in a while!

20 Things to do this Friday.

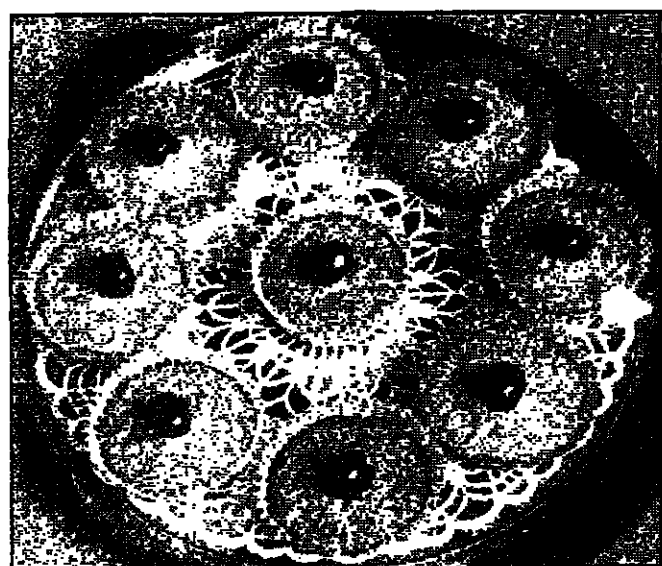
- 1) Wake up late
- 2) Go right back to sleep
- 3) Spend an hour over breakfast
- 4) And half an hour in the loo
- 5) Skip having a bath
- 6) Wear pyjamas all morning
- 7) Ignore your homework
- 8) Have a chocolate before lunch
- 9) Have another chocolate before lunch
- 10) Try out an exotic recipe
- 11) Steal an afternoon nap
- 12) Chat with your friends (or)
- 13) Avoid your friends
- 14) Cut your toenails
- 15) Try out a new hairstyle
- 16) Make new resolutions
- 17) Break them immediately
- 18) Pamper your younger brothers or sisters
- 19) Go to bed late
- 20) Pretend there's no Saturday ...

Don't you just lovvvvv Fridays?????

Solution to animal crossword: 1. Elephant 2. Bat 3. Llama 4. Giraffe 5. Kangaroo 6. Tapir

Solution to 'Letter please':
1. Experience is a good teacher because there are no dropouts.
2. Friendship is a responsibility, not an opportunity.

Cherry tops



Ingredients
2 rounded tablespoonfuls sugar (50g or 2 oz)
50g (2 oz) margarine
1 egg
2 rounded tablespoonfuls self-raising flour (50g or 2 oz)
5 cherries

Equipment
10 paper cake cases
Mixing bowl
Wooden spoon
Tablespoon
Small basin
Bun tins
Table knife
2 teaspoons
Serving plate
Sieve

1 Put oven on at Gas Mark 5 (electricity 375°F/190°C).
2 Cut the cherries in

half.
3. Put margarine and sugar in mixing bowl, add sifted flour.
4. Crack the egg into the small basin (just to make sure it is fresh), then add to the things in the mixing bowl.
5. Mix everything together with a wooden spoon, until smooth and creamy.
6. Put a teaspoonful of mixture into each cake case.
7. Place the bun tray carefully in the oven, and bake the cakes for 15 minutes. When the cakes are cooked, they will be golden brown and firm.
8. Remove cases from bun tray, top each cake with half of a cherry, and leave to cool.

The cat and the mice

A CAT grown feeble with age, and no longer able to hunt mice as she had done in her younger days, thought of a way to entice them within reach of her paws.

She suspended herself by the hind legs from a peg, thinking that the mice would mistake her for a bag, or for a dead cat at least, and would then venture to come near her.

An old mouse, who was wise enough to keep his distance, whispered to a friend, "Many a bag have I seen in my time, but never one with a cat's head."

"Hang there, good madam," said the other, "as long as you please, but I will not trust myself within reach of you. You are not clever enough for us."

Wise men will not be fooled by old tricks.

The dog and the cock

A DOG and a cock decided to go on a journey together. They were travelling through a wood

Aesop's fables

when night fell. The dog went to sleep in a hollow at the foot of a tree, and the cock roosted in the branches above.

It crowed at its usual hour to welcome the dawn, and its cry awoke a fox who lived nearby and who hurried to the wood, thinking he would find a meal. When he saw the cock he began to praise its voice and begged the bird to come down from the tree so that he could congratulate it properly.

"I will come down," said the cock, who saw through the fox's plan, "if you will first speak to the porter below to open the door."

The fox, not suspecting the trick, did as he was told. When the dog awoke he soon put an end to the fox, and he and the cock continued their journey in safety.

Moral: Meet cunning with cunning.

The fox and the monkey

A MONKEY once danced in an assembly of the beasts, and so greatly pleased all by his performance that they elected him their king.

A fox who envied him the honour, having discovered a piece of meat lying in a trap, led the monkey to the bit and said:

"Look! I have found this store, but have not used it. It is not for the subject to lay claim to a treasure trove; the king himself should take it."

The monkey approached carelessly and was caught in the trap, whereupon he accused the fox of leading him into the snare.

The fox replied, "O monkey, can it be that you, with so simple a mind, could rule as king over all the beasts?"

Moral: The simple are easily deceived.

The charger and the ass

A CHARGER, beautifully groomed and equipped, one day came galloping along a road, exciting the envy of a poor ass who was trudging along with a heavy load. "Get out of my way!" cried the proud horse, "or I shall trample you under my feet."

The ass said nothing, but quietly moved to one side of the road.

Not long afterwards the charger went to the wars, and was badly wounded on the battlefield. Unfit for any further military service, he was sent home to work on the farm.

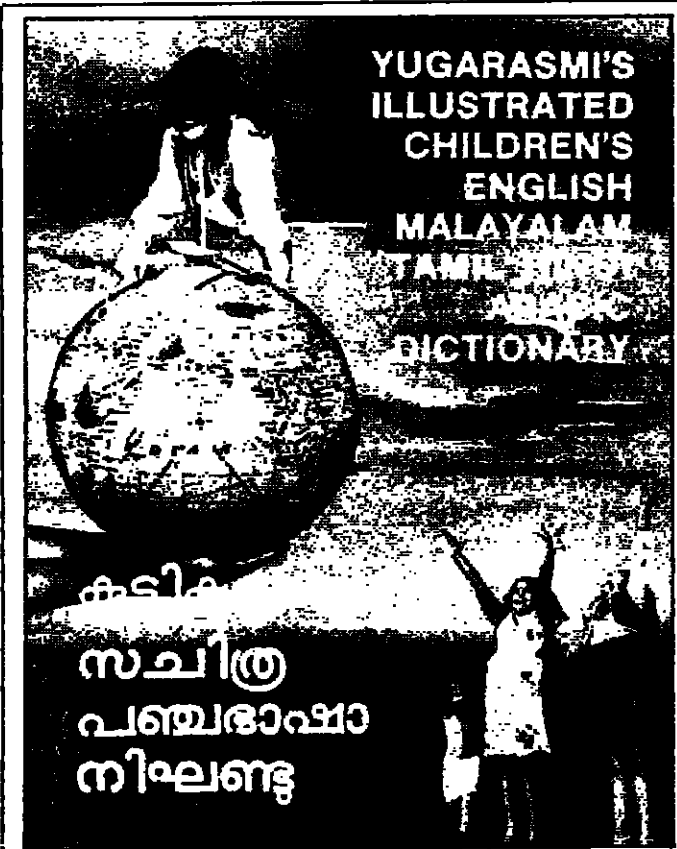
The ass saw him there painfully dragging a heavy wagon. "Ah!" said he to himself, "I need not have envied him in his pride; but for that he would have a true friend to help him in his need and lighten his load."

He who despises a humble friend may be doing an ill turn to himself.



Seven names

The initial letters of the pictures from 1 to 35 will spell out seven girls' names



With key words in English and the pronunciation and meaning of each word given in Malayalam, Tamil, Hindi and Arabic, this new dictionary, which also contains a 150-page encyclopedia, is excellent both for studies and everyday use. It is published by the Yugarasmii Publishing Company and costs about KD 6.

QUIZ..

- 1 What was Houdini famous as?
a pianist ☐
b escapologist ☐
c magician ☐
- 2 Who is the author of the 'Paddington Bear' books?
a Enid Blyton ☐
b Richard Adams ☐
c Michael Bond ☐
- 3 Who was the first man on the moon?
a Yuri Gagarin ☐
b Neil Armstrong ☐
c Buzz Aldrin ☐
- 4 What is the capital city of Austria?
a Vienna ☐
b Venice ☐
c Paris ☐
- 5 What is Ben Nevis?
a mountain ☐
b lake ☐
c river ☐
- 6 Which country has stars and stripes on its flag?
a Russia ☐
b America ☐
c Australia ☐

Ha! Ha!

MOTHER: Eat your cabbage — it will put colour in your cheeks.
ALFRED: Who wants green cheeks!

Why is Ireland so rich?
Because the capital is always Dublin.

MOTHER: I've made the chicken soup.
KIDS: Thank goodness for that, we thought it was for us.

DANCER: Can you stretch the music out a little bit?
CONDUCTOR: Sorry, this is a dance band, not a rubber band.

TONY: My grandmother fell downstairs.
BONY: Celler?
TONY: No, I think she can be repaired.

What did they do when the Forth Bridge collapsed?
They built a fifth.

CUSTOMER: Do you have frogs' legs?
WAITER: No, it's painful corns makes me walk like this.

How do you make money?
Screw up a £5 note and you will find it in creases.

The why of man

Why sport is good for us

Physical activity brings into play the muscles which develop in various ways according to how we use them. For instance, a boxer will have well developed arm muscles and a footballer will have good leg muscles.

The activity of the muscles also varies with what we do during the day: during the time we devote to study, the muscles of the eyes and hands will be most used but when we are moving about it will be the muscles of the limbs and abdomen, and so on.

Sport is therefore a safety-valve because among other things it is a way of exercising all the muscles of our bodies together and making sure that some of them are not left too long inactive. This is why the so-called complete sports, such as tennis, athletics and swimming, are to be recommended.

mit only a relatively limited movement. In the spine or backbone, for example, each vertebra can only make slight movements, because it is prevented by hard ligaments of fibrous tissue which serve as a protective cover.

On the other hand the most mobile joints are those of the legs, arms, hands and fingers: the joints of the knees and fingers are like hinges and those of the elbows like pivots.

The most mobile of all are the ball and socket joints of the shoulders and hips.



Why our bodies can perform such a variety of movements

If the bones of the skeleton were all fixed solidly together the body would not be capable of any movement at all.

In fact, however, we know that we are capable at any given moment of making all kinds of movements. This is made possible by the various joints which we have in our bodies.

Some of these joints per-

Truly amazing!

The first ship to sail round the world was the Victoria, commanded by Ferdinand Magellan, in 1519-22.

We blink twenty-five times each minute.

The lop-eared sheep of North Africa has a coat that is half wool and half hair.

The Canadian capital, Ottawa, has an anti-noise law which prohibits the buzzing of bees.

A chameleon's tongue is often twice as long as its body.

The tarantula is one of the few spiders unable to spin a web.

A man and woman in Mexico City were engaged for 77 years and finally married at the age of 82.

The giant squid is the largest living animal without a backbone.

A flea can jump over 200 times its own length.

A codfish weighs 5000 times as much as its brain.

Running flat out a hare can reach 45 mph.

Australian Aborigines who are widowers wear blobs of mud in their beard to show they are seeking another wife.

The starfish has an eye on the end of each arm.

Eight hundred and forty-five different dialects are spoken in India.

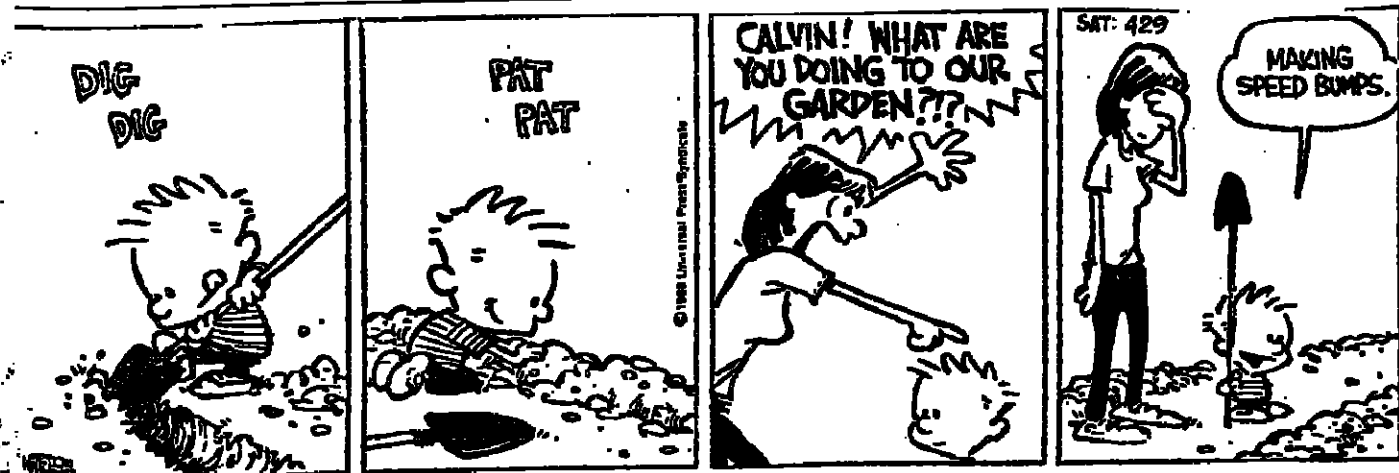
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MECIR AND PEREZ-ROLDAN UPSET AT ATP TOURNEY

Connors and Wilander sail through



Connors thrashed Cassidy

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug. 17. (Reuters) Mats Wilander and Jimmy Connors helped restore order after a day of upsets at the ATP Men's Tennis Championships by posting easy straight-set wins yesterday.

The second-seeded Wilander of Sweden trounced Andrew Castle of Britain 6-3 6-1, and third seed Connors beat fellow American Dan Cassidy 6-4 6-1 as evening matches went on from following a day programme that saw four seeded players eliminated.

Shrugged

Fallen seeds included number five Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia, seventh seed Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina, eighth-seeded Jonas Svensson of Sweden, and Australian Darren Cahill, the 16th seed.

The upset victors, in order, were American Joey Rive, Australian Carl Limberger, 16-year-old American Michael Chang and Australian Wally Masur.

Connors shrugged off some aches and pains to dispose of Cassidy in 90 minutes.

The 35-year-old Connors said his elbow was slightly sprained but that an injured foot was more worrisome because of all hard

court playing he has logged recently.

"I will rest it next week, and the US Open will be my last tournament on hard courts this year," he said. "Still, if I feel as fit as I do today, at the US Open, I'll be satisfied. I'm in great shape and hitting the ball pretty well."

Wilander was 10 minutes faster than Connors in sweeping aside Castle.

The Swede, who won the Australian and French Opens this year, was never really threatened although Castle had four chances to break back for 4-5 in the opening set.

Wilander, a three-time winner of this tournament, said he thought the surface was much faster this year. "I may have more problems winning it this year, but on the other hand, it will be a better preparation for the US Open. For the first time, I feel like one of the favourites to win in New York."

Mecir battled back from a break down in the second set only to lose the tiebreaker by 8-6 as Rive claimed a 6-4 7-6 victory after 96 minutes in the sweltering heat.

Rive, ranked 86th in the world, said it was the best win of his career so far.

"I have beaten (Tim) Mayotte

and (Slobodan) Zivojinovic in the past, but this is the first time that I upset one of the top 10 players in the world," said the 25-year-old Rive.

Mecir said he felt tired because of the heat and had not had enough time to get used to the hard courts here. Last week, the Czechoslovak played a clay court tournament in Prague.

"I felt slow out there, but I also feel that Rive served especially well. In the second set, I started feeling better, but I knew then that anything could happen," said Mecir, who was a semifinalist this year at Wimbledon.

Eliminated

Perez-Roldan ranked 14th in the world, was eliminated 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-2) by Limberger, who went through qualifying to make the 64-player field. Limberger started the day ranked No. 235.

Also, Svensson was defeated by Chang 6-2, 7-5. Svensson was 15th in the world, Chang was 86th.

In other matches involving seeded players, No. 6 Brad Gilbert of the United States beat American Pete Sampras, 6-3, 6-2, and No. 10 Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union defeated Alex Antonitsch of Austria, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Sabatini and Navratilova trounce opponents

MONTREAL, Aug. 17. (Reuters) Gabriela Sabatini, playing with renewed enthusiasm, moved into the third round of the Canadian Open women's tennis tournament with a 6-2 6-2 win yesterday over American teenager Stacey Martin.

Sabatini took a break from tennis after Wimbledon because she was feeling stale and is now playing with renewed vigour. She made her return last week in Los Angeles and reached the final.

Pressure

The 17-year-old Martin played impressive tennis and surprised Sabatini with her power, but the Argentine was able to move her around and keep the pressure on.

"She hits the ball very hard," said Sabatini. "It was the first time I saw her and she has good groundstrokes, but she needs experience."

Sabatini, who is tuning her game for the US Open starting later this month, produced flashes of brilliance.

"I am trying to do things differently and I am feeling good," the 18-year-old said.

Earlier in the day, top seed Martina Navratilova won her first tournament match since Wimbledon by beating fellow-American Susan Mascarin 6-2 6-2 to move into the third round.

Other seeded players advancing to the third round included number three Pam Shriver, the defending champion, sixth-seeded Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union and 11th seed Sylvia Hanika of West Germany.

Also reaching the third round was Australian Nicole Provis, who battled back to win 6-2 6-7 7-5 after coming within two points of losing to American Molly van Nostrand. Provis next faces Zvereva, in a rematch of their encounter in the French Open semifinals.

Navratilova lost her serve in



Navratilova hits a backhand shot to Martin. (Reuters wirephoto)

the third game of the first set and in the sixth game of the second set, but overall she was impressive and produced an array of superbly angled shots.

"I was a little rusty on court because this is my first match," said Navratilova. "However, I am excited to be out there and playing again."

The world's second ranked player says she is eager about the upcoming US Open and is using this week to work on aspects of her game.

"I'm making sure everything is okay," said Navratilova. "It is just a matter of fine tuning."

Navratilova sported a new look when she took the court yesterday in a homemade denim tennis outfit.

Navratilova, whose equipment contract with the Puma sports group expired at Wimbledon this year, was finding it

hard to win equipment endorsements so she decided to do her own thing.

Her outfit, made of brushed and stone-washed denim and carrying a "MN" logo, was designed by her companion Judy Nelson and sewn by Nelson's mother.

Navratilova said she selected the fabrics and had been getting positive feedback about her new look.

Contract

"People have noticed it and want to know where to get it," Navratilova said. "I may end up doing my own line."

The eight-time Wimbledon champion is also operating with neither a shoe nor a racket contract.

"I guess you just have to be Steffi Graf and 18-year-old," said Navratilova, 31, when asked about her lack of endorsements.

Agassi thrashes Velez

LIVINGSTON, N.J., Aug. 17. (Reuters) Andre Agassi scored a satisfying win against an old rival, but his fellow-American Paul Annacone saw his game fall apart against Australia's Simon Youl at the New Jersey Cup men's tennis championship yesterday.

Agassi, the 18-year-old rising American star who is ranked fourth in the world, scored an easy 6-2 6-3 victory over Eduardo Velez of Mexico in his first-round match.

Agassi led a group of seeded Americans into the second round but Youl prevented a clean procession when he fashioned a 6-3 6-3 victory over an error-prone Annacone, the third seed.

The difference was that Youl, who is ranked 121 in the world but reached the fourth round of Wimbledon before losing to eventual champion Stefan Edberg, handled the situation better.

Anderson outlasts Poruri

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17. (AP) Michelle Anderson of South Africa advanced to the third round of the USTA international girls grass court tennis championship by defeating fifth-seeded Laxmi Poruri 4-6 6-1 6-3 yesterday at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Poruri won the US-18-and-under title last week.

Results

Andre Agassi (US) beat Eduardo Velez (Mexico) 6-2 6-3; Scott Melville (US) beat Diego Nargao (Italy) 6-7 (7-6) 6-2 6-3; Matt Anger (US) beat Martin Blackman (US) 6-3 4-6 6-4; Derya Rostagno (US) beat Thomas Ho (US) 6-4 6-4; Sunny Gammalva (US) beat Thomas Hogstedt (Sweden) 4-6 6-4 7-6 (7-3); Simon Youl (Australia) beat Paul Annacone (US) 6-3 6-3; Jeff Tarango (US) beat Philip Johnson (US) 6-1 4-6 6-4; Lefi Shiraz (US) beat Richard Bergh (Sweden) 6-3 6-4.

Jennifer Baker advanced with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Kaoru Shibata of Japan. Fourth-seeded Erica O'Neill beat Madeleine Kooreman of the Netherlands 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

Top-seeded Steve Bryan reached the third round of the boys championship by defeating Justin Russell of New Zealand 6-2, 6-2.

Kimball to compete in US trials

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 17. (Reuters) Bruce Kimball, charged with killing two people and injuring six others in a high-speed car accident early this month, said in an emotional statement yesterday that he would compete in the US Olympic diving trials.

Kimball, the 1984 Olympic silver medalist who 24 hours earlier had been charged with two counts of manslaughter, said: "I don't give up and I won't give up. I'm not sure I could live with myself if I did."

The manslaughter charges stem from an August 1 accident in which authorities claim Kimball lost control of his car while driving under the influence of alcohol in Brandon, Florida, at speeds between 112 and 145 kph. Kimball's car careened into a crowd of teenagers, killing two and injuring six. He was also charged on Monday with three counts of driving under the influence and faces a maximum sentence of 45 years in jail if convicted on all five counts.

Arrestment is scheduled for August 26. Kimball's lawyer Bruce Quasada, said the driver would plead not guilty.

Kimball's first competition will be in tomorrow's 3-metre springboard preliminaries.

"I cannot disappoint my family, friends and teammates by giving up on myself. I leave you with the promise that no matter what happens I will not give up," the 25-year-old said, his voice shaking and hands trembling as he read a statement.

It was Kimball's first public statement since the tragedy.

"The reason I have not made a statement until now, is because I've been emotionally devastated and haven't known what to say," Kimball said.

"Not a person here has any understanding of the feelings of grief and remorse that I've experienced in the last two weeks. I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the victims of this tragedy."

Olympic torch relay to start on Aug 23

SEOUL, Aug. 17, (UPI) Torchbearers will crisscross South Korea with the sacred Olympic flame, but organisers said today they will alter the path to include North Korea if Pyongyang drops its boycott of the Games.

"If the North Koreans decide to participate, we will be glad to run the torch up," said Han Kwang-Soo, the relay operations director.

"We don't have a contingency plan ready, but we'll reroute," the 4,167 km (2,588-mile) relay starting at the Temple of Hira near Olympia on Aug. 23 and zigzagging northward toward the border before heading to the Olympic stadium in Seoul.

Rebuffed Under the carefully plotted route, the torch reaches an observation tower only 3.2 miles from the border.

The North Koreans, rebuffed in their effort to co-host the Games starting on Sept. 17, have remained steadfast in their boycott of the event along with Cuba, Nicaragua, Ethiopia, Albania and the Seychelles. They also rejected the latest proposal from the International Olympic Committee that the two countries march side-by-side behind their own flags.

Han said carrying the torch so close to the border was not aimed

"at provoking the North Koreans."

"Since the torch is starting at the southernmost point and covering the entire country, it is only natural that it go North."

Han said he hoped the torch, a symbol of blessing since it was introduced at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics "will reduce the regional conflict within the country."

Thousands of students attempting to march to the border this week confronted riot police, and their symbolic "unification pilgrimage" turned into a melee of rocks, firebombs, exploding teargas grenades with 2,000 arrests.

Student leaders contend holding the Olympics in Seoul without allowing Pyongyang to co-host the Games will drive another wedge between the Western South and the communist North.

With only 30 days left before the opening, Seoul Olympic Organising Committee president Park Seh-Jik appealed to the people to ensure the success of the Games. Describing the Olympics as "a national treasure," Park said, "it is left to us now to successfully carry out this event in a peaceful atmosphere."

The flame, set alight at the

Hira Shrine in Greece, will be transported from Athens to Cheju on Aug. 27 with three safety lamps aboard the chartered flight in the event of the possible extinguishment, Han said.

"A backup plane will be ready with another lamp," in the event of an accident, he added.

Five safety lamps will be carried in separate vehicles while the 20,962 runners, ranging in age from 9 to 79, participate in the massive relay stretching over 22 days.

Following a system inaugurated at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, several runners will share a single torch before a new one is introduced, organisers said, with only the flame actually passed on. The 3,300 torches are destined for museums and schools afterwards.

With fuel sustaining the flame, Han said it is virtually impossible to extinguish it "in strong winds or torrential rain." The runners, with representatives of the participating countries and the foreign press included among the throngs of South Koreans, have been delegated one-kilometre distances. Riders on motorcycles, horses and the disabled in wheelchairs have also been allocated sectors of the route.



A practice run being made

Conner toys with Cup challengers

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 17. (Reuters) The New Zealand 40-metre monohull sloop came hull to hull with Dennis Conner and his catamaran for 10 minutes this week during practice for the upcoming America's Cup series — and the results did not please the challengers.

"We got nicely creamed and we suspect they sandbagged as well," New Zealand challenge spokesman Graeme Colman said yesterday.

Observers of the on-the-water confrontation said they thought that Conner had slowed his catamaran down to more closely match the top speed of the monohull.

Colman admitted at one point the Kiwis slowed down them-

selves to see what would happen.

An observer from the New Zealand camp, who asked not to be named, said of the incident: "It was a significant mistake for Conner to slow down when the Kiwis slowed down a few knots you could tell what they were doing."

Mismatch

Stars and Stripes spokeswoman Lesleigh Green said there was no way that the Cup defenders would consider sandbagging, which the challengers claim is a possibility in the series to make the races seem less of a mismatch.

"We can't afford to sandbag, we need every advantage on every leg — what if there were a

breakdown? With only a best of three series, we can't afford any disadvantage," she said.

Colman continued to claim that the series, which starts on September 7, would be a "bizarre mismatch."

He said the catamaran Invictus that New Zealand leased for use as a trialhorse suffered a serious breakdown in the water and "half crippled, she still gave us a run for our money."

Green dismissed the New Zealanders' claims.

"We were having lunch and saw the race," said Green. "and on the weather leg (into the wind), the monohull beat Invictus by six minutes. Before it was hype they put out, now they're lying outright."

Mets remain 5 1/2 games ahead of Pirates

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (AP) The New York Mets remain 5 1/2 games ahead of Pittsburgh Pirates in the National League East after scoring nine runs in the first inning against San Francisco to beat the Giants 13-6.

"I've never seen anything as tough as that first inning," Giants manager Roger Craig said.

Dwight Gooden, who won for the first time in four starts, waited 35 minutes after the start of the game to face his first batter.

Gooden, 14-6, allowed six hits and two runs in seven innings, striking out five. He said he felt a "little pain" as well as tightness early in the game.

Dodgers 7, Phillies 5 Kirk Gibson triggered a five-run fifth inning with his 23rd homer and Rick Dempsey drove in two runs with a double and sacrifice fly as Los Angeles increased its lead to 3 1/2 games over Houston. Tim Lincecum, on for the sixth time in eight starts, allowing five runs and six hits in 6 2/3 innings. Jay Howell allowed one hit in two innings for his 15th save.

Pirates 4, Braves 2 Barry Bonds hit a tie-breaking go-run single in the fifth inning



White Sox' Jerry Hairston gets back safely as Blue Jays' Fred McGriff (left) fails to make the tag. (Reuters wirephoto)

and Doug Drabek won his sixth consecutive decision since June 21. Drabek, 12-5, struck out six and walked none. Jim Gott got three outs for his 21st save. Pete Smith, 5-12, allowed six hits and five runs in six innings.

Reds 6, Cubs 4 Eric Davis hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning off reliever Les Lancaster to snap a 4-4 tie as Cincinnati rallied from a 3-0 deficit. Frank Williams, 3-1, got

one for the victory before John Franco, the Reds' fourth pitcher, threw one inning for his 26th save, surpassing Clay Carroll's club record.

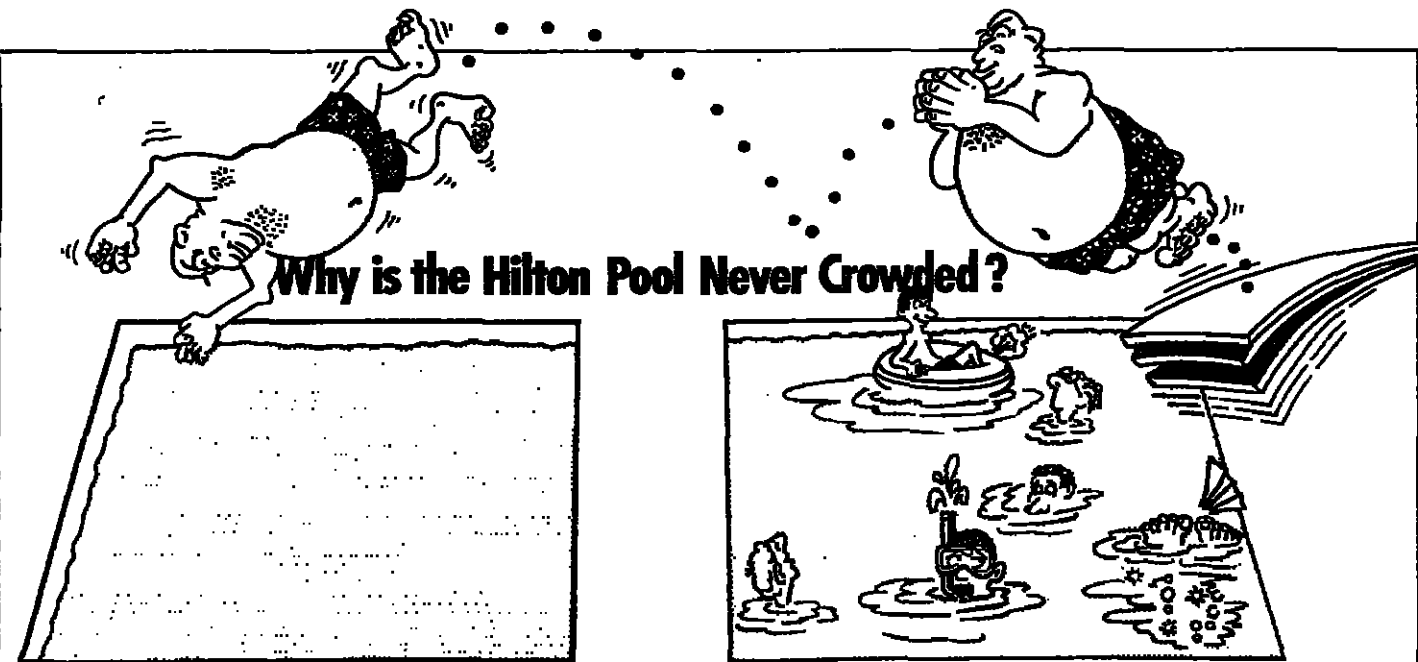
Cardinals 3, Astros 0 Vince Coleman got two singles, stole three bases and scored two runs in the Cardinals' third shutout in their last six games. Scott Terry, 3-3, allowed five hits in 6 2/3 innings. Ken Dayley, the third St. Louis pitcher, threw two

innings for his fourth save. Jim Deshaies, 8-10, allowed six hits and all three runs in six innings.

Pedro Martinez had three hits and drove in two runs as Montreal lost its third consecutive game. Jimmy Jones, 8-10, gave up eight hits in six innings. Lance McCullers pitched three innings of one-hit relief for his ninth save. Brian Holman, 2-5, gave up seven hits and four runs in five innings.

White Sox 5, Blue Jays 4 Carlton Fisk hit a two-run homer and an RBI single that led Chicago past visiting Toronto. Fisk caught his 1,804th game, one behind Rick Ferrell's AL record. Jack McDowell, 5-8, got the victory and Bobby Thigpen earned his 26th save. Jimmy Key, 7-3, took the loss.

Results		American League	
California	15	New York	6
Oakland	6	Baltimore	3
Seattle	7	Boston	0
Cleveland	6	Milwaukee	5
Minnesota	4	Detroit	1
Chicago	5	Toronto	4
Kansas	5	Kansas City	4
National League			
Cincinnati	6	Chicago	4
Pittsburgh	4	Atlanta	2
St. Louis	3	Houston	0
San Diego	6	Memphis	5
Los Angeles	7	Philadelphia	5
New York	13	San Francisco	6



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Carl Lewis wins

ZURICH, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Olympic champion Carl Lewis swept to victory over Canadian world champion Ben Johnson in their 100 metres clash at the Zurich Grand Prix athletics meeting today. Lewis clocked 9.93 seconds — the fastest time this year — as he finished ahead of Johnson for the first time since they were both beaten in a race in Cologne, West Germany, in August 1985.

Chris Evert

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (AP): Tennis star Chris Evert says she may retire this year if she wins another major event. In an interview published in the September issue of the US magazine, *Esquire*, the 33-year-old favourite of the courts says, "I'm going to play out the year. If I win a big one this year, I would probably retire at the end of it. And if I don't I may still retire."

Olympic team

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Cesar Menotti's new club River Plate has refused to release two players for Argentina's Olympic team, highlighting the selection crisis national soccer boss Carlos Bilardo has faced since his side lost to Australia last month.

Charity Shield

LIVERPOOL, England, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Liverpool captain Alan Hansen will miss Saturday's Charity Shield match at Wembley against Arsenal, who are the holders of the trophy, because of injury.

Brazilian player

BARCELONA, Spain, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Brazilian defender Aloisio Pires Alves, signed by Barcelona from Porto Alegre for a reported \$1.5 million, had a medical examination at his new club yesterday.

Grete Waitz

OSLO, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Norway's Grete Waitz, the 1983 world women's marathon champion, will decide this week whether she will be fit to compete in the Seoul Olympics.

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday.

N/S
1. I. Meouchi & M. Zamaniri
2. V. Babinov & J. Darbo
3. N. Shah & K. Zabari
E/W
1. Mrs. B. Pereira & Andy D'Souza
2. Ravi Bhat & Desmond Pereira
3. Dr. H. Szal & Robert Stucker

HICK PASSES 2,000 RUNS FOR SEASON

Worcestershire take lead

LONDON, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Graeme Hick became the first player to complete 2,000 first class runs in the English cricket season yesterday when he hit 159 for Worcestershire in their five-wicket win over Glamorgan.

The victory lifted Worcestershire to the top of the county championship table by three points over previous leaders Kent.

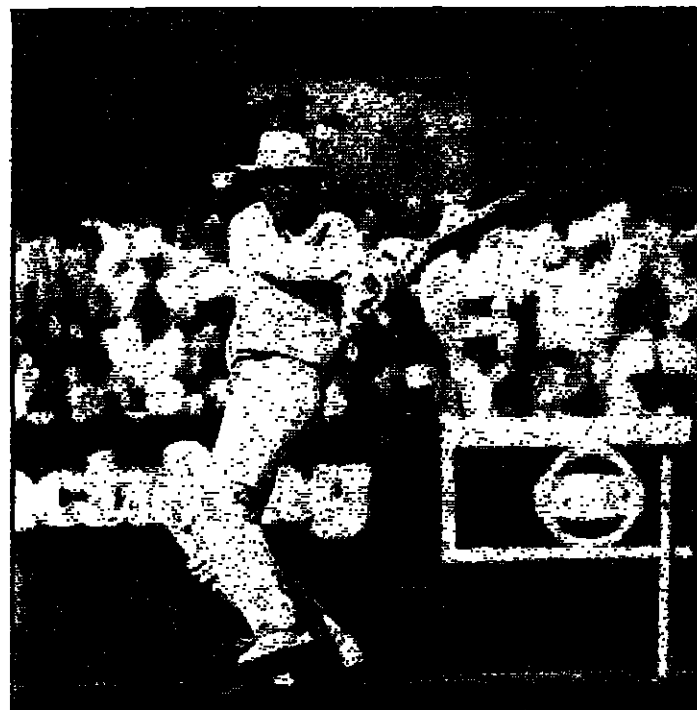
Hick, who this year became only the eighth player to score 1,000 runs before the end of May, provided the foundation of Worcestershire's second innings 344 for five.

Chances

The Zimbabwean-born batsman profited from two spilled catches and a five sixes and 15 fours in his innings of 227 minutes. It was his seventh century of the season.

Despite the absence of injured England players Ian Botham and Graham Dilley, Worcestershire remain very much on course for an historic treble.

As well as being favourites now to win their fourth county championship, Worcestershire meet Middlesex in the NatWest one-day final at Lord's on September 3 and are also contenders for the Sunday League title.



Hick: first to score 2,000 runs

Two of England's four Test captains this season, the Middlesex pair Mike Gatting and John Emburey, also enjoyed a successful day.

Off-spinner Emburey took six for 24 as Gloucestershire tumbled to 161 all out in their second innings, then Gatting smashed 93 not out off only 119 balls to propel Middlesex to 169 for one and a nine-wicket victory.

There were also victories for Lancashire and Nottinghamshire.

Lancashire beat Sussex by eight wickets while Notts scraped a two-wicket victory over Essex thanks to 134 from former England opener Tim Robinson.

There was an even closer finish at Edgbaston when Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by one wicket, collapsing before reaching its meager target of 149.

Standings

English County Championship cricket table after matches ending yesterday (tablets—played, won, lost, drawn, batting points, bowling points, total):

Worcestershire	17	8	2	7	41	57	226
Kent	17	8	4	5	42	53	223
Essex	17	6	5	6	46	52	194
Lancashire	17	6	5	6	34	53	191
Warwickshire	17	6	5	6	37	51	190
Leicestershire	18	5	2	11	44	53	177
Nottinghamshire	17	6	5	6	24	60	176
Somerset	17	5	4	8	36	49	173
Middlesex	17	6	5	6	33	43	172
Northants	18	4	6	8	37	57	158
Gloucestershire	18	4	6	8	43	48	155
Surrey	16	4	8	4	38	52	154
Derbyshire	17	4	2	11	42	40	146
Yorkshire	17	3	6	8	32	53	133
Hampshire	17	2	4	11	28	50	110
Gloucestershire	17	1	9	7	25	54	96
Glamorgan	16	0	5	11	31	37	68

Nottinghamshire total includes 12 points for win in a one-day match. Somerset and Lancashire totals include eight points for drawn matches in which scores finished level.

England to play in Amritsar

NEW DELHI, Aug. 17. (Reuters): The England cricket team who tour India at the end of the year are now scheduled to play a one-day international in one of the subcontinent's most dangerous cities.

The Indian Board of Control for Cricket said yesterday England's fifth one-day match against India, originally scheduled for Chandigarh, would now be played in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar.

Amritsar is the home of Sikhism's most holy shrine, the Golden Temple.

Felke aims javelin at Olympic gold

EAST BERLIN, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Petra Felke wants to kick an annoying habit.

Although the East German javelin world record-holder produces winning performances every season, "when it comes to recent big events she has been beaten to the gold medal by her British rival Fatima Whitbread."

Felke is unbeaten in 1988 with a series of throws over 70 metres, including the second best ever — 78.14 metres.

Last year, following an equally good season and five weeks after setting the world mark of 78.90, she came second at the World Championships behind Whitbread.

Essential

It was a similar story at the 1986 European Championships.

"I can still add something in training," the 29-year-old sports student said recently. "It's essential if I don't want to be second again in Seoul."

She has put herself under intense pressure since the Rome disappointment, a defeat she took with typical good grace.

Felke, a small but muscular blonde, has changed her run-up and strengthened her throwing arm as part of her battle plan to capture the Olympic title in South Korea.

The new tactics emerged after she and coach Karl Hellmann analysed her approach using video recordings and decided drastic action was needed to steady her arm.

"A potential Olympic champion has to do very well and eradicate these mistakes," she said.

"So I practically started from scratch again and did other sports to help. I had some problems with the technique — the movement felt restricted — and I had to work on that," she said after winning her fifth national title in June.

"I used long-distance running or jogging and also did long

jumps, sprints and even hurdles."

Felke could cope easily with the medley of disciplines because she started her athletics career at a sports school training as a heptathlete.

Throwing

"I was not good enough at the high jump," she recalled.

"But I was quite good at throwing balls, although I could not manage the discus or shot, so we decided to try javelin."

As a 16-year-old she won her first big title with her first throw over 50.40 metres.

At 18, she reached 60 metres and at 25 she broke the 70 metres barrier.

Her main inspiration has been her compatriot and initial training partner Ruth Fuchs, the 1972 Olympic champion whose name was as synonymous with javelin then as Felke's is now.

"She taught me the most important thing — the right attitude to training, to top-level sport and to our republic," said Felke, who comes across as a hardened competitor.

That dedication partly explains her ability to put up with a punishing schedule of appearances which involves flitting from one city to another across Europe each summer.

Her wide belt to support her back and a bandage on her right arm have become her trademarks abroad, along with the regularity with which she throws over 70 metres.

Potential

Looking ahead to probably the most important event of her career, Felke does not see Seoul just as the Fatima-Petra show — she says every Olympic competitor is a potential threat.

And despite the new technique and harder training Felke is still employing her favourite secret weapon: Agatha the Duck.

The furry mascot travels everywhere with her and is never far away when she hurls the javelin.



Sheikh Fahd asks FIFA to end Iraq ban

THE president of the Kuwait Football Federation and chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad has asked the international football federation (FIFA) to lift the ban imposed on playing international football matches in Iraq.

Sheikh Fahd, in a cable sent to the FIFA president, said that the conditions which necessitated the ban have now been removed with the ceasefire decision by both Iraq and Iran.

Decision

He said that with the ceasefire the situation between both the countries was returning to normal. According to the FIFA rules, matches cannot be held in any of the war affected countries but the ceasefire decision has paved the way for these matches to be held again in Iraq.

Sheikh Fahd added that after the lifting of the ban, Kuwait's national team would be the first to meet the Iraq team on Iraqi soil.

Fenech ready to fight in US

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 17. (AP): Unbeaten World Boxing Council featherweight champion Jeff Fenech is prepared to defend his title in the United States if he is offered enough money, Australian promoter Bill Mordey said today.

Fenech, one of only 11 boxers to win world titles in three different weight divisions, upped his record to 21-0 on Friday night in Melbourne with a fifth-round TKO over challenger Tyrone Downes of Trinidad.

All nine of the Australian's world title fights have been in either Sydney or Melbourne, and Friday night's fight marked his

first exposure on US network television.

Mordey said preliminary negotiations were under way for Fenech to defend his title on the undercard to the dual world title fight between American Sugar Ray Leonard and Canadian Don Lalonde in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in November.

"Jeff is prepared to fight outside Australia — if he is offered the right money," said Mordey, who added that he also was negotiating with the ABC television network for the rights to Fenech's next fight.

Fenech earned \$400,000 for meeting Downes.

Mordey said WBC No.2 ranked contender Hector Lopez of Mexico, No.3 contender George Navarro of the United States and WBC No.8 ranked super-bantamweight Takuya Muguruma of Japan were possible opponents for Fenech, who previously held the IBF bantamweight and WBC super-bantamweight titles.

Fenech, a 24-year-old power-puncher, has proclaimed himself the best fighter in the world "pound for pound, south of Mike Tyson."

Fenech currently is taking a two week vacation prior to resuming training.

Kneller wins Ebor Handicap

YORK, England, Aug. 17. (Reuters): Paul Eddery rode Kneller to a record-breaking victory in the Ebor Handicap today to the surprise of trainer Henry Cecil.

Unbeaten Kneller, off the course since April, came clear in the final furlong of the 1-3/4 mile (2.8 km) race and swept on to win by three lengths from Raslaan, with bottom-weight Tender

Type third at 50-1. Kneller, starting with odds of 9-1, sliced nearly half a second off the course record set 24 hours earlier by Freestone to secure a victory champion trainer Cecil had not expected.

"I didn't really fancy him. He is still immature, that's the reason he has not run since April, and I thought he needed softer ground," Cecil said.

English club

LONDON, Aug. 17. (Reuters): English soccer club Chelsea, relegated from the First Division last season and troubled by worsening crowd troubles, were dealt a further blow today when they were told they faced eviction from their stadium next year.

Chelsea have been refused the option to buy the Stamford Bridge stadium, where they have watched since 1905, and face eviction next August.

Al Hajri's team drops rally appeal

By Gail Seery

THE appeal against the result of the 1988 Kuwait International rally has been dropped, and the KTC club are at last in a position to present the trophies to the parties concerned. The appeal had been brought by the Rothmans Audi team after a protest from the Toyota Team Middle East resulted in Saeed Al Hajri's one minute and 16 second victory over Mohammed Bin Sulayem being overturned.

Audi Middle East Team Manager David Sutton sent a telex to the KTC Club stating that it had been decided that their appeal to FIFA should be withdrawn for the good of the sport.

Observers will undoubtedly see this decision as an admission that the appeal was unlikely to be settled in the Rothmans Audi team's favour in any case, viewing it as something of a knee-jerk response to losing the rally on a technicality.

At the end of the first night of the Kuwait International Rally in March, reigning Middle East champion Mohammed Bin Sulayem was just 18 seconds ahead of Qatari rival Saeed Al Hajri.

The following day, try as Bin Sulayem might, he could not out-drive the Qatari. Facing traction problems with his Toyota Celica 1.6 Turbo throughout the event, Sulayem had been forced to admit that he could not beat the Audi, and had told the Arab Times that he was already driving as hard as he could, but that without grip, the Toyota's power was useless to him.

However, on entering the time control for the very first stage of the second day, the Rothmans team unwittingly committed an infringement of the regulations. Some confusion existed between Al Hajri's navigator Steve Bond and the marshal on the stage, which saw Bond handing his

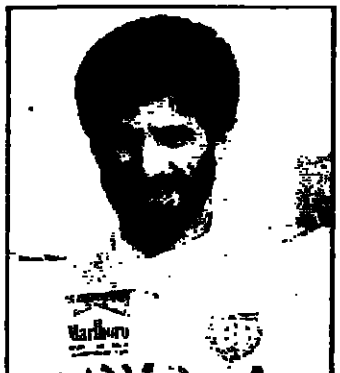
cards to be stamped fifteen seconds early. This would normally result in an immediate two minutes penalty for early arrival, but it seems that Bond managed to persuade the marshal that it was his mistake, and that he should correct the time on the card. Here chief marshal Jack Lubbat intervened, but no time penalty was issued at this stage.

"No one likes to win a rally with a protest," Sulayem's navigator Roman Morgan had told this newspaper the following day. "However, I have to do my best for my employer, and if we had made the same mistake we would expect them to bring a protest in exactly the same way."

The protest was discussed by the stewards of the rally, all three of whom have had extensive experience in motorsports, together with the FIFA representative, Bruno Moretti of Italy. They decided that it was always the navigator's responsibility to ensure that the car arrived at the time control at exactly the right moment, and that even in the case of a mis-statement by a marshal, that responsibility remained fully with the navigator.

Saeed Al Hajri and his team, who had been unaware of the incident until they were told that they had not after all won, were understandably shocked and angry with the result. The tragedy is that if they had adapted their strategy to allow for the two minute penalty to be imposed later, they could still have won the rally. Knowing that Sulayem could not catch him, Al Hajri was not pushing himself or the car to full capacity, and could probably have made enough time to have made certain of a victory. Certainly Sulayem was already extracting the best performance from his car that he could.

The Rothmans Audi team brought an appeal to the club, expecting it to be discussed by the local organisation. However, as



Bin Sulayem: winner

Ahmed Al Hilal, chairman of KTMSSD explains, it was felt that there was not sufficient expertise locally to deal with this appeal as it deserved, and it was decided that the matter should instead be decided by FIFA, the ruling body for the sport.

Nick Johnston of Rothmans explained to Arab Times why the appeal had been withdrawn. "Our appeal was lodged at the time on the basis of confusion over check in times. We obviously felt that our protest was justified but with the passage of time since the event and the lack of any concrete response from the various authorities we decided that the appeal had been in the air too long, and that to involve FIFA would have blown it out of all proportion. We have therefore made what we believe to be the correct sportsmanlike gesture and withdrawn our appeal."

Experience

Johnston's words are echoed by team manager David Sutton, a man who has amassed vast experience of the sport all over the world. He told the Arab Times, "After long deliberations with Rothmans and our Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association, we have decided to withdraw our appeal against the Kuwait Automobile Club. We feel that the expense of taking this matter to Paris is not just-

ified, and therefore, we have adopted the best possible sportsmanlike manner and allowed the results to stand. In the real world the real people know who was the real winner."

Many questions are still being asked about what actually happened that day, with some suggesting that Bond was competing as a driver without wearing a watch, and that this was a contributing factor.

The exact truth is unlikely to emerge, even if it would now be constructive. Al Hajri drove superbly throughout the event, and thoroughly deserved to win — again, this would have been the Audi team's first Middle East win, and it seems hard to rob them of this when their performance was so obviously outstanding. However, the sport has its rules. Nor is it clear exactly whether the club was wrong, and if so where, but hopefully all will have learnt from their mistakes, and that therefore this is the last problem of this sort that Kuwait will see.

Friendly

One thing is certain: the incident has done a lot of harm to the otherwise friendly nature of international rallies in the region. The Toyota and Rothmans teams were barely speaking to each other in Jordan. Hopefully the rest of the season can now be conducted in a more mature manner.

The withdrawal of the appeal means that Mohammed Bin Sulayem is now officially the winner of the Kuwait International Rally. Winning here was fairly crucial to any hopes that Al Hajri had of regaining his Championship title. He is now in the unenviable position of having to win any remaining rounds (including Lebanon), with Sulayem finishing one event lower than second if he is to win back the Middle East title. Al Hajri's chances are not impossible, but Sulayem is not going to give up his title without a fight.

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